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NEW YEAR HEALTH MESSAGE ISSUED

Report by Sue Austin

SENIOR councillors have issued a blunt New Year message to health bosses – sort out this Future Fit mess now.

The Future Fit programme is looking at Shropshire's health set-up.

But the programme was bogged down with delays in 2016 and leading councillors serving Oswestry and Welshpool say it is vital crunch decisions are taken in 2017. The main sticking point is whether the county's A&E department should be sited at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital or the Princess Royal Hospital at Telford.

Shropshire's hospitals chief waded into the row last week, warning of the dangers of "fighting among ourselves" and to demand that public consultation begins now. Simon Wright, the man in charge of both Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, warned infighting will play into the hands of "out-of-county groups that would love to take more services into their cities".

David Lloyd

His warning was this week echoed by community leaders serving the Oswestry and Welshpool areas. Veteran Shropshire Councillor David Lloyd said: "What we need is a New Year resolution that this will be sorted out, quickly. The consultation so far seems to have been a complete waste of time and effort. It seems that bureaucracy is out of control. We need a decision made and then stuck to." Welshpool Mayor Steve Kaye said: "It's high-time things move forward, years have been wasted, millions of pounds have been wasted. It's time we had some decisions."

Shropshire Councillor for St Martins Steve Davenport said: "There have been public meetings across Shropshire and Mid Wales and yet now we seem to be back at square one. What has been the point of all that time, effort and money if no decision was made?"

Shropshire Council Deputy Leader and Whittington Councillor Steve Charmley said: "We're all sick to the back teeth of talking about this, it's about time they get on with it and sort it out. It's been going on for far too long."

The councillors' pleas come after members of Shropshire's two Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) rejected the NHS Future Fit board's recommendations last month.

The Future Fit review had recommended having one A&E serving Shropshire and Mid Wales at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The Princess Royal Hospital's A&E would be downgraded and its Women and Children's unit would also be moved to RSH. All six panel members from Shropshire CCG voted for taking the plans to public consultation – but the six members representing Telford & Wrekin CCG voted against.

It means the plans were rejected, no public consultation will yet take place and the matter will be referred back to the Future Fit board for further work.

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Family urges people to make important resolution

Oliver Harrison with mother Emma, six-year-old brother Harry and father Adam. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

A FAMILY is urging people to make a New Year resolution to sign up to the organ donation register to help children like their son survive.

Oliver Harrison spent last year like any other eight-year-old, playing football for his school team and signing up to sports clubs.

Yet three years ago he was seriously ill with heart failure, unable even to walk 10 yards by himself. In August 2013, he was flown by private jet to the specialist Freeman Hospital in Newcastle for a heart transplant.

His mother, Emma, says that thanks to the generosity of a family facing the ultimate tragedy of bereavement, Oliver has been given a new heart and a new life. Now she is asking everyone to make their resolution this year to sign up to the organ donor register. "It is a New Year's resolution that you cannot fail," she said. "Once you are on that register you have fulfilled your resolution. Talk to your family so they know your wishes."

Emma said that the chances of organs being used are incredibly slim.

"Three people a day die waiting for a transplant, which is a dreadful statistic," she said. "The more people who are on the register the more lives can be saved. One donor can save a number of lives.

"There is not a day goes by that I don't think of our donor's family and how grateful I am that, on that early morning, when they were facing their very worst time of their life, they make the decision that gave Oli a new life. Nothing could be done to save their loved one but they could do something to save someone else.

"If they had not made that decision we would not have spent this Christmas watching Oli playing football and enjoying the school holidays, we would have been visiting a grave."

She said her son had a lifetime of medication and health checks ahead of him but said that every day was a miracle.

She added: "His younger brother Harry loves playing with Oli and looks up to him and as a family we can all have fun together."

Visit organdonation.nhs.uk/register-to-donate/register-your-details for more information.

TOURISM

Massive dragon project is set to take step forward

WORK could start on a landmark giant 80ft Welsh dragon sculpture this year, it has been revealed.

Simon Wingett, the man behind the ambitious proposals to build the landmark near Chirk, was speaking after councillors voted unanimously to grant a five-year extension to the planning permission so it could go ahead.

A crowdfunding scheme will now get under way in a bid to raise the lion's share of the £2.5 million needed to make it a reality.

Mr Wingett, 60, said he was relieved to have gained the planning permission extension.

He said the move meant he would be able to crack on with the project – and was excited about the task in hand.

"It's going to be a landmark to rival the Angel of the North, Christ overlooking Rio de Janeiro, the Eiffel Tower," Mr Wingett said.

"This is on the historical gateway into Wales which the Romans built.

"The viewing platform is 40ft off the ground, so you will have wonderful views over the Welsh Marches, the Shropshire plain towards Shrewsbury and Wrekin and beyond. The whole project is £2.5 million and we can now finalise the details for our crowdfunding campaign which we hope to raise in excess of £1 million.

"If all goes to plan, we are hoping to go on site this year."

FOOTBALL

Saints boss tells of record delight

THE manager of Welsh champions The New Saints says he is still pinching himself after leading the team to a new world record for the most consecutive wins in top-flight football.

Oswestry-based TNS ended 2016 in style with a 27th competitive win – eclipsing a mark set by Ajax more than 40 years ago. Manager Craig Harrison said: "The success I've had in my managerial career has been beyond any and all expectations I had when I started out. To be a world record holder now is the last thing you'd think about."

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Maternity unit is closed because of lack of staff

Report by Tom Morton

MATERNITY units in four Shropshire towns, including the unit serving Oswestry, were forced to close overnight due to a lack of staff.

Oswestry's midwife-led unit was forced to close overnight on Thursday last week. The unit is based at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Ludlow's unit closed for the same 12-hour duration on New Year's Eve into New Year's Day. The closures follow similar overnight ones at both Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury from Christmas Day into Boxing Day.

Campaigners concerned about the future of the rural midwife-led maternity units have taken it as a sign to be further concerned about their long-term prospects. There are now campaign groups in Oswestry, Ludlow and Oswestry calling for guarantees that the units will be funded beyond April.

But health bosses said the situation was simply due to "short-term staffing issues" with no bearing on the units' futures.

Liz Grayston, leader of the Save Oswestry Maternity Unit campaign, said there was "no room at the inn in Shropshire this Christmas".

She said: "What on earth are the risks around this? We've heard they had to take midwives away from the other units to staff Telford but surely they have a responsibility to ensure safe services at all our maternity units, and to employ enough midwives in the first place.

"Apparently the midwife-led units in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Bridgnorth and Ludlow have suddenly become standby staffing agencies for Telford. This is completely unacceptable."

Anthea Gregory-Page, deputy head of midwifery at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said each of the closures was temporary due to short-term staffing issues. She said all women from 37 weeks to 42 weeks pregnant who had chosen to give birth at the units had been contacted directly to inform them and offer them a different location to give birth.

If any of them had any complications overnight they would be referred to the delivery suite in Telford, through the regular triage system, she said. She said: "We would like to apologise for any inconvenience these temporary closures may cause."

Pantomime fans to be treated to horrific fun

The cast includes Tom Evans, Tony Pepper, Adrienne Ruane and Jo Petford and Ayla Willman as the chicken at the front

GHOSTS, ghouls and, of course, Dracula make an appearance in the aptly named Llansylvania pantomime throughout January.

The Rhydycroesau Players have set their original panto not in Transylvania but in the Oswestry/Welsh foothills around Llansilin.

It will run each Friday and Saturday evening from this weekend until February 4 at 7.30pm. There will also be a Sunday matinee on January 22. One of those involved, Ian Room, said that as with tradition the first weekend productions were raising funds for charity.

He said: "On January 6 the panto will be raising money for the Rotary charities while on the Saturday funds will go to the Mental Health Research charity."

The Saturday night is being supported by staff at Park Issa Vets in Oswestry who are also selling tickets. Mr Room said the cast and backstage volunteers includes many long-standing panto members and also several newcomers and young members of the cast. "The panto has been written by panto regular, Tony Pepper and is full of local references and puns," he said.

Ticket prices have been pegged down to just £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. They are available from Park Avenue Stores in Oswestry or by telephone on (01691) 622524.

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Have a go at setting the budget

POWYS residents are being given a chance to comment how the county council reduces spending by £22m over three financial years with an online budget balancing exercise.

The online consultation exercise runs until January 15 and sets out a range of options that could be used to generate savings over the coming three financial years.

Residents can show their support for services by increasing or decreasing funding support and seeing the impact on the service and council's overall budget.

Councillor Wynne Jones, Cabinet Member for Finance said; "The council has to produce a balanced budget. This is an opportunity for residents to see the challenges we face and show their support for service areas by allocating money to one area balanced with a reduction from another.

"We introduced the budget simulator last year using projected figures for a three year period, this time we are looking at the period 2017/18 to 2019/20 and showing the impact of a decisions on the overall budget. There will be elements that look familiar to residents but the exercise will help the council identify priorities for the coming years."

The budget simulator will be on the council's website under the 'Have Your Say' section: www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Knifepoint robbery at store is denied

A MAN has appeared in court to deny robbing an off-licence in Oswestry at knifepoint.

Carl Cowans, from Newtown, pleaded not guilty to robbery and possession of a bladed article when he appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Tuesday this week.

The plea in court comes after a man wearing a hood walked into the Boozed Up store in Salop Road in Oswestry on November 21 last year and threatened the cashier with a knife.

The man escaped with nearly £500 in cash and cigarettes.

Cowans, who is 35 years old and from Garth Owen in Newtown was remanded in custody by Judge Jim Tindal until a trial, which was set for April 18.

The trial is expected to last two days.

Town council demands fairness on day centres

Report by Naomi Penrose

WELSHPOOL Town Council, which has taken on the running of the town's day centre, has demanded fairness from Powys County Council after its cabinet voted to give other centres in the county a reprieve.

Town Clerk Robert Robinson said it is unfair for residents in Welshpool to pay for a service that is provided elsewhere in Powys.

There were fears that the centres in Newtown, Llanidloes and Machynlleth could have been shut down as part of Powys County Council's cost cutting measures, but the council's cabinet has now decided to keep all day centres open until a full review has been undertaken.

Extra money will now be made available in 2017/18 to allow day centre activity to continue in existing localities while an early intervention service is trialled and evaluated.

In 2015 Welshpool Town Council stepped in to run the town's Westwood Day Centre when centres across Powys were initially threatened with closure.

Mr Robinson said: "It's nice to hear that the day centres will still be here for those who need them, and from where we're standing it makes no odds to us because our day centre is safe but it just seems unfair that our taxpayers are paying for something that's being provided elsewhere.

"It's an issue of fairness, so we're looking to have a discussion with Powys County Council as to how fairness can be achieved."

This year's accounts show running the town's day centre is costing taxpayers £34,000 a year, while a grant is also provided by the county council.

Despite the stay of execution being given for the centres, Mr Robinson has urged the public and other councils to take the news with caution.

"This really is just a delay, Powys County Council is wanting town councils to take on the service, so I would advise councils to do so before it's too late because if they don't it's likely the centres will all be phased out by 2019," he said.

Powys County Council is now expected to continue to talk to town and community councils who have shown an interest in partnership arrangements for funding or management of day services.

Photo shortlisted in competition

Steve Darrall, from Oswestry, has had this selfie shortlisted in a competition promoting Accident Awareness Week

IT'S no ordinary selfie – and this spectacular snap has landed Steve Darrall the chance to win a national competition.

Steve took the fabulous photo of himself in the snow with the help of a selfie stick. It captures the splendour of the surrounding on the summit of Glyder Fach.

Snowdonia doesn't provide the most stable of footing, but Steve made sure he was in a safe place to strike a pose. The image caught the eye of organisers of the UK's Accident Awareness Week, which has launched a #SelfieSafety competition.

It is looking for the most spectacular selfies as part of a publicity campaign to highlight the need for common sense when taking a snap. It follows a string of accidents in which people posing for selfies have been unaware of their surroundings and ended up being injured.

Mr Darrall, 45, from Oswestry, said "This was truly a fantastic day to be in the mountains. I take safety in the mountains very seriously, especially in the winter."

The #SelfieSafety competition is part of a national campaign urging selfie takers to take extra care to avoid common accidents too highlight Accident Awareness Week. According to the study of 2,047 adults, carried out by Censuswide, over half of us have taken a selfie, while a third of the population and two thirds of 16 to 24 year olds have taken a selfie in the past month.

Beth Powell, marketing director of National Accident Helpline, said: "We all want to capture great memories with a selfie, but we are urging selfie-takers, young and old, to look up from their devices and pay attention to the potential risks around them, before getting the perfect shot. This way, we can create great memories and stay safe."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drama workshops set for village hall

AN amateur dramatic company is to start the new year with a day of drama workshops.

The Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS) will host the event on Sunday and organisers say everyone is welcome. It will be held at the Llanymynech Village Hall and is a completely free event. The day will be full of games, useful exercises, hints, tips and socialising. "Whether you just fancy a wind-down after Christmas, a way into acting/backstage/directing or writing or a way to meet people then the day is for you," spokeswoman, Pam Johnson said.

All sessions are optional and all people need take along are comfortable clothes, flat shoes and a packed lunch.

Places can be booked by going onto the LADS website or calling (01691) 830558.

Police hunting van thief arrest man

A 60-year-old man has been arrested in connection with a number of thefts from vans in Mid Wales.

Dyfed-Powys Police have been investigating after a number of thefts from vans in Montgomeryshire in October and November.

Alana Perrin, a spokeswoman for the force, said: "A 60-year-old man from the Macclesfield area has been arrested in connection with the offences and bailed pending further enquiries.

"Officers are carrying out proactive operations to combat any further thefts. They are reminding workmen to security tag their tools and equipment, and keep them locked away at night."

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Toy collection backed by pub-goers

REGULARS at a village pub have once again ensured that Santa Claus had a bumper sack of toys for the youngsters at a children's hospice.

The Plough Inn in Weston Rhyn, near Oswestry, once again this year acted as the collection point for toys for the Hope House Children's Hospice which is based at Morda near Oswestry.

Members of the local community as well as customers of the popular pub dropped in over the weeks running up to Christmas to donate toys for the hospice.

The collection point has been run at the Plough Inn for the past 15 years.

Licensee Dave McCarthy said the tradition was started by his late father, Frank, when he ran the Plough and Mr McCarthy was happy to carry it on.

"We are very grateful for all the presents we had," he said.

"We ask for gifts for children of all ages, from babies to teenagers, boys and girls," he said.

"They can be as large or as small as people can afford."

Staff from Hope House in Morda called into the pub just before Christmas to collect the presents. The hospice staff said they were delighted with the kindness of the people of Weston Rhyn and the wider area.

Mr McCarthy said donations of second hand toys in good condition were also accepted. He explained: "Hope House will pass these onto their charity shops to sell to make more money to run the hospice."

Roundabout funds 'should be spent on dualling A5'

Report by Naomi Penrose

MONEY being spent on planned works to improve a busy roundabout should instead be used to dual the A5, it has been claimed.

Councillor Ralph Cooper, chairman of Weston Rhyn Parish Council, said he and fellow parishioners believed dualling the A5 should be prioritised over works that are due to be carried out on the Gledrid roundabout, near Oswestry, this month.

The £700,000 scheme will involve widening of the A5 to the north and southbound approaches, widening to the A5 northbound exit, carriageway resurfacing, footway construction, removal and replacement of the existing signing and lining, removal and installation of lighting columns, as well as drainage and vegetation clearance.

Councillor Cooper said he believed any funds that are available should be spent on transforming the A5 into a dual carriageway from north of Montford Bridge to Ruabon across the North Wales border.

He said: "Honestly I do think the work planned is a waste of money, like the work on the Mile End Roundabout was. I worry that the works will cause the same problems as the improvements on the Mile End Roundabout did, which many people still struggle with now because the lanes are much too narrow.

"If a lorry's on the roundabout the same time as you, it takes up two lanes, so you do have to hang back." North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson, who has campaigned for 20 years to see the A5 dualled, said the works on the roundabout were needed, but reiterated the call for the improvements to the A5. Transport minister John Hayes will visit Mr Paterson to see the road for himself. Roads approaching the Gledrid roundabout will be affected between 9pm and 6am from January 26 through to June 2 for the works to be carried out on the roundabout and nearby roads.

Work 'will cut delays'

WORK to improve a busy roundabout that will result in six months of overnight closures will cut delays and reduce collisions, Highways England has said.

The organisation responsible for maintaining and improving England's motorways and major roads have insisted the planned improvement works on the Gledrid roundabout, near Oswestry, starting this month, will benefit road users.

James Wildman, spokesman for Highways England, said: "We are looking to introduce a safety scheme at the Gledrid roundabout next year.

"We've already improved the Mile End roundabout by widening the approaches to cut delays and minimise collisions and our works at Gledrid will also improve motorists' journeys.

"The A5 is being looked at as part of an ongoing process and we're taking all views on board."

Caitlin wins card contest

Caitlin Hanmer with Sharon Price from David Wilson Homes

A PRIMARY school pupil from Oswestry had a special Christmas card to send to her friends and family after winning a competition organised by David Wilson Homes.

The homebuilder invited pupils from Holy Trinity C of E Primary School to come up with a design for a Christmas card and they received a variety of creative entries from the talented youngsters.

Among the entries was 10 year old Caitlin Hanmer's painting of the nativity scene and she was chosen as the winner. Caitlin's prize included a pack of cards featuring her design and a £25 gift card.

Caitlin said: "When my advent picture came up on the screen, I was delighted to hear I had come first in the competition and I had won a £25 voucher for a shop of my choice."

Steve Barton, senior sales manager at David Wilson Homes Mercia, said: "There were some fabulous designs so it was hard to pick a winner."

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Plea made for the retention of canalside payphones

Report by Naomi Penrose

PAYPHONES located close to a canal should be kept in order to keep boaters and walkers safe, a councillor has said.

Councillor Angela Bright, who sits on Weston Rhyn Parish Council, issued the plea, as Shropshire Council is appealing for people to have their say on a proposal by BT to remove 214 public payphones around the county.

The three sited in the Weston Rhyn parish area have been included in the consultation but Councillor Bright believes two of them – in Chirk Bank and Rhoswiel – should be retained due to how close they are to the canal.

She said: "These two phone boxes are considered as essential on safety grounds, given their proximity to the canal. They are crucial in case of an emergency as mobile phone signal in the area isn't always up to scratch and also you have to remember, not everyone has a mobile phone.

"You also have to bear in mind, those that do have mobile phones know they're not always reliable. As well as problems with signal, the battery could die or the phone could get cut off if the bill hasn't been paid.

"Not so long ago we had someone on a canal boat, who had someone with them that had fallen ill and they didn't have any mobile phone service, so knocked on a nearby door.

"Thankfully someone answered but what if that had happened during the middle of the night? This is why these phone boxes are essential."

Councillor Bright said the pay phones were particularly valuable for walkers and boaters enjoying the area's waterways.

The other pay phone included in the consultation is the one situated on Station Road but parish councillors have agreed for its removal due to limited use and it being a target for vandals.

When the consultation was announced in October, Shropshire Council said while some communities will find that a payphone is of little or no use to them today, it encouraged careful consideration because the removal of the facility will be permanent. The announcement comes following a series of closures in recent years. A number were taken out of use in February in 2015, although a number of communities kept their red boxes including Bushmoor and Acton Scott near Church Stretton, Easthope at Much Wenlock, and Prees and Ightfield near Whitchurch.

As the local planning authority, Shropshire Council has the right to object to the removal of phone boxes in any particular area. It is also able to demand that the physical structure of a kiosk be kept, even if the phone is removed, particularly if the box is of a traditional red design.

Nursery is improving standards

A NURSERY in the grounds of a college has found to be making "significant improvements" after being rated inadequate last year following an Ofsted inspection.

Footsteps Nursery, at North Shropshire College in Oswestry, recently received a monitoring visit from Ofsted and the local authority.

The visit took place following an inspection in September when the nursery was rated inadequate in all areas.

The nursery team has announced the latest visit went well, with improvements witnessed by inspectors.

The nursery said investment has been made in terms of improving the indoor and outdoor space and resources needed.

They also said the management team at the college had taken a more direct approach to supporting the management of the nursery and the procedures and processes that are essential.

A new designated special educational needs officer is in place.

Bev Jackson, student services manager at the college and new college lead for the nursery, said: "The manager and staff at the nursery have worked extremely hard in the past few weeks and we have put in place a robust post inspection action plan that is working extremely well.

"This visit is a fantastic outcome for all those involved."

The nursery will be the subject of a full re-inspection by Ofsted in the spring.

Spruce-up for aqueduct

Abseiling contractors do their daredevil work to clean up the aqueduct

ABSEILING contractors made their way 70ft down an historic aqueduct to give it a spruce up.

Work to remove unwanted vegetation from the crevices of Chirk Aqueduct, which carries the Llangollen Canal between England and Wales, has been carried out by Glandwr Cymru, the Canal & River Trust in Wales.

Specialist harnessed contractors carried out vital maintenance work to remove vegetation which has taken root in crevices of the Grade II listed structure.

Using trowels and other hand tools, the team dug out ivy, moss, weeds and even young saplings which, if left unchecked, could have damaged masonry on the impressive 200-year-old aqueduct.

The work is part of a wider Canal & River Trust project to protect heritage structures along the Llangollen and Montgomery canals this winter, including the magnificent Pontcysyllte and Chirk aqueducts.

Constructed by the famous canal engineer Thomas Telford between 1796 and 1801, Chirk Aqueduct is a masterpiece of civil engineering.

Measuring 70-foot high and 710-foot long, the aqueduct carries the Llangollen Canal across the Ceiriog Valley near Chirk, on the Shropshire/Wales border, spanning two countries.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

We are living in the Information Age I am reliably informed by those in the know – so why as we enter 2017 are areas of Shropshire and Powys still a wasteland for broadband connectivity?

The Connected Nations report from Ofcom describes 10mbps as the internet speed that is required to meet a typical household's digital needs yet 27 per cent of Powys homes and 14 per cent in Shropshire are still unable to achieve such speeds.

Around seven per cent of Shropshire homes are unable to access even 5mpbs connections, while about three per cent can't get 2mbps, facts that are completely unacceptable in an age when connectivity is a necessity and no longer a luxury.

Governments on both sides of the border have failed to deliver on promises to ensure universal access to fibre broadband with some devastating results for many rural businesses, unable to compete with rivals from areas with better connections.

Whether it's helping to drive businesses, provide study opportunities for our children or to simply stay in touch with family and friends around the world the people of Shropshire and Powys deserve better. We must continue to press for a better service and if that means badgering our MPs, AMs and councils for support then let's get on with it.

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"What's going on with midwife-led maternity units in Shropshire? Oswestry's renowned unit saw an overnight closure over the Christmas holiday period with similar moves happening at Shrewsbury, Ludlow and Bridgnorth.

Health bosses say there are no concerns about the long-term future of the units and blame the overnight closures on simple short-term staffing issues but there's an old saying that there is no smoke without fire which might just apply here.

Which is why I was delighted to see campaign groups across the region calling for guarantees that the units will be funded beyond April 2017 and assurances that "No Room At The Inn" signs will not be reappearing.

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I'm 100 per cent behind newly announced proposals from Transport Minister Andrew Jones to allow learner drivers to get behind the wheel on motorways. It should have happened years ago. Letting learners drive dual-controlled cars with proper supervision is a no-brainer as far as I can see. I have never been able to understand how you could be deemed fit to pass a test without ever driving in motorway situations. I am sure we can all remember the terrifying moment the first time we dropped down the slip-road onto the motorway after throwing away the 'L' plates.

Presiding Officer Elin Jones has launched a consultation on changing the assembly's name

Is it time to change the name of the assembly to reflect a change in its powers?

Welsh Conservative leader Andrew RT Davies wants the body to be called the Welsh Parliament

Powerful arguments for a change of body's name

KAREN COMPTON reports on new proposals to change the name of the Welsh Assembly

A CONSULTATION on changing the name of the Welsh Assembly has been launched by Presiding Officer Elin Jones.

The power to change the name is part of a series of extra responsibilities being handed to Cardiff Bay as part of the UK government's Wales Bill.

Ms Jones said the assembly should either retain its existing name or change to Senedd or Parliament.

A name change would help inspire the "confidence, trust and pride" of the people the assembly serves, she said.

AMs agreed in July that the assembly should change its name, inviting the presiding officer and the commission to consider the implications.

Ms Jones rejected the suggestion that consulting on a name change amounted to AMs "navel-gazing":

"Most AMs are not spending their time discussing the name," she said.

"They've been actively involved in scrutinising government on education results this week.

"This is just a part of what we're doing to build this place into a proper parliament, to scrutinise those very issues about performance in the health sector, performance in education."

A consultation document said the assembly commission – the body of senior AMs that run the affairs of the organisation – wants the name of the institution to contribute to a wider public understanding of its role.

Changes to how devolution works – with new law making powers conferred on AMs in 2011 through a referendum and the separation of the Welsh Government – "have created a rather blurred picture about where power and accountability in Wales now lies", it reads.

The Welsh Assembly could retain its current name or change to Senedd or Parliament

It cites an opinion poll in 2013 which suggested 69 per cent of those surveyed knew less than a fair amount about the role of the assembly.

"Through the range of engagement programmes undertaken by the assembly we know that the people of Wales do not currently fully grasp the role and the powers of the National Assembly for Wales," the document said.

There have been calls made for the assembly to be renamed the Welsh Parliament for a number of years, with Welsh Conservative leader Andrew RT Davies saying in 2012 the assembly was a parliament "in all but name".

Mr Davies said recently it was time to brand the assembly "as a proper Welsh parliament – strengthening the distinction between legislature and executive, while giving it the accolade the people of Wales afforded it in the 2011 referendum".

The Welsh language word Senedd is currently used to refer to the building that houses the assembly chamber.

The word is also used in Welsh to refer to the UK Parliament.

Under the proposals, assembly members would be renamed if the assembly changes its name.

If the assembly became the Senedd, AMs would become Members of the Senedd (MS).

There are many options suggested if the name changed to Parliament of Wales, or Welsh Parliament.

The consultation document proposes Member of the Parliament of Wales (MPW), Wales Parliament Member (WPM) or Member of Senedd Cymru (MSC), which is the Welsh translation of Welsh Parliament.

The spring of 2018 is the earliest that a bill to change the name of the assembly could be passed, the consultation document says.

The consultation on the name of the assembly was launched on Thursday, December 8 and it will end on March 3, 2017.

The form can be downloaded, and completed and emailed or posted back to the assembly. People can email AssemblyCommission.Consultations@assembly.wales ComisiwnyCynulliad.Ymgynghori@cynulliad.cymru, or write to Freepost National Assembly for Wales and write on the back of the envelope: F.A.O Assembly Commission Secretariat

WORKING FOR YOU

I hope all readers of the Chronicle have enjoyed the first few days of 2017, and not broken their New Year resolutions already!

I begin this column in a contrary way. Despite negative predictions in the media, I think 2017 is going to be a good year. Not that I thought 2016 was a bad year. I believe we will eventually look back on 2016 as the year the people decided not to do just what the establishment dictated.

In both the UK and US, they exercised their democratic right to do the unexpected. That's what genuine democracy is about. In 2016, individuals, exercising their democratic right through the ballot box, delivered real change. The task in 2017 is to deliver that change in as positive a way as possible.

Much the worst event in 2016 was the civil war in Syria and the appalling military strategies of the Syrian Government and Russian military in Aleppo. This very nasty civil war is approaching its end. A peace of sorts has been brokered by Syria, Russia and Turkey. However, despite this terrible war, including the use of poison gas, barrel bombs and starvation as military tactics, the sum of killing and poverty across our world continues to fall.

While it's probably too much to hope that there will be no terrorist outrages in 2017, we can reasonably hope the declining influence of Daesh in the Middle East will reduce terrorism elsewhere.

In Britain in 2016 the EU referendum was deeply divisive. Feelings ran very high. But my belief is that a growing majority is accepting the British voter's decision to Leave, and will support the Prime Minister's attempt to deliver as good a deal as possible for the UK and the remaining EU.

But 2017 will be a year of preparation rather than deal making because of important elections in France and Germany. Personally I expect there to be no great change, with President Fillon and Chancellor Merkel emerging successful.

What happens in the US is also important to us. Unsurprisingly, because of the awfulness of his campaign, there's concern about what President Trump will do. In 2017, he will cut taxes, delivering huge growth, millions of jobs and economic success, benefitting the whole Western world. He won and has to be given a chance.

Now I accept that I'm inclined to optimism. That's largely because I trust democracy. I trust the people. I accept their decisions. It's what we do in Britain. It's why we don't have civil wars. Happy New Year to everyone who has read my column to this last line.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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WHAT EXACTLY ARE OUR DUTIES AS TRUSTEES OF A DISCRETIONARY TRUST?

Q: My childless Uncle has set up a Discretionary Trust to benefit his nephews and nieces and has appointed me and my sister as Trustees. The Trust consists of an investment portfolio and two buy to let properties administered by a property management company. As Trustees, what are our duties?

A: As Trustees you and your sister have a duty to maintain the assets within the Trust for the benefit of the beneficiaries. The investment portfolio should be in your names and the investment management company should report regularly to you on the portfolioâ€™s performance, though you can and should manage the investments within the Trust as if they were your own.

The properties within the Trust should be registered in your names with the Land Registry, and a restriction should be entered reflecting that the property is held within a Trust. This protects the asset for the beneficiaries. If the properties are generating rental income you should be registered with the property management company as the owners and you should set up a separate Trustees bank account to receive the rental income, to keep it separate from your own personal finances. The Trust should be registered with HM Revenue and Customs for Self-Assessment and any income tax due on the rental income can be paid from the Trustees account.

As well as managing and maintaining the assets of the Trust your responsibilities as Trustees include familiarising yourselves with the Trust document, confirming who the beneficiaries are to be and ensuring the beneficiaries are treated equally and fairly. You must exercise reasonable care when managing the affairs of the Trust and take all precautions which an â€œordinary prudent man of businessâ€ would take.

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There is much that is very good in world

MANY readers will be dismayed by world events as I am – bombings in Aleppo and Mosul, and people gunned down in America and UK.

Then there is the derailment in Croydon, the hidden and overt abuse of children and young people and even the natural disasters like the tornado that struck recently.

Many will feel angry and disbelieving.

Some will try various ways of escaping from the realities of these things.

Yes, there is much that is horrific and brutal in the news.

However, there is also much that is very good.

Like Children in Need, and although we rarely read about it in our newspapers or see it on TV, there are tens of thousands who are helping family, friends and neighbours every day.

They are offering them practical help, security and safety.

All of us need shelter from the terror in the world.

The one thing that thousands are fearful of is the unknown future.

Christians believe that as violent and uncertain as the future may be, our times are in God's hands and He promises to end all violence one day and demand that an account is given for the violence that has been committed.

He also promises us a home and a future which will be good and secure and He says to us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled…" One of the titles that was given to Jesus, the Son of God, was Prince of Peace'.

It is indeed good news that we need not fear the future and that one day justice will reign, wars will cease and love will ultimately win through as Jesus brings in His everlasting kingdom. It is my prayer that many readers will find this hope in Him.

ROY WHITTALL
Oswestry

Trump could be the person to break the mould of US politics

DONALD Trump may well be the catalyst America desperately needs to blast apart a century of corrupt politics, so deeply embedded, that only a maverick like he, is capable of achieving.

Sitting in the Oval Office with Mr Urbane, the sophisticated and unreadable Barack Obama, he looked as uncomfortable as a rabbit caught in the headlights.

He was probably hit by the reality of his situation and wondering what he had got himself into.

It will take him a while to steady his nerve.

But I think he will leave behind all the outrageous bombast of the campaign trail, and work hard to, as he says, bring people together, and be conciliatory.

Like Nigel Farage, he is not a career politician, and he has no need of wealth or power, so he is free to be genuine and, like him or not, hopefully we will be able to see what we are getting.

A bit like the difference in the tabloid newspapers and the broadsheets, the former of which the elite delight in calling the "gutter press", because of their outspoken headlines, while sucking us in with the hidden malice of the latter, which always make me think of "arsenic and old lace"; that subtle drip, drip of poison lurking behind the facade of reasonable, civilised humanitarianism.

But challenge that perception and all hell breaks loose.

WILL KNOTT
Shrewsbury

Comic Ken had his tickling stick at the ready

It was tickle time at the annual fete at the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, near Oswestry, in June 1986 when comedian Ken Dodd was a guest. Also there were Oswestry Town Mayor and Mayoress Colin and Hilda Bain and Town Clerk David Preston.

Remainers were not as patriotic as they should be

THE national press report on Donald Trump: "He is unashamedly patriotic and believes that America should make its own laws and control its own borders.

He highlighted the fact that immigration and its associated risks in the modern world that Islamic State poses if controls and vetting are not "sufficiently strict", i.e. – he does not trust them. Almost half of our electorate obviously do not do 'patriotic'. Over 16 million, including large sections of our MPs, peers, civil service, treasury and banking plus the CBI and the BBC voted to stay in the EU. They therefore agreed that a membership fee of £50 million plus every day, that we pay 20 per cent of the total budget of the EU and subsidise 18 of its 29 member countries is fine.

They agreed that all the laws and regulations which will rule us in the future are decided and produced by unelected foreigners in Brussels, laws the we cannot refuse or even amend.

And we call the Americans stupid?

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

So who does he represent?

ISN'T it about time we made it clear that naughty Nigel Farage is not an elected or selected representative of this country? Having caused mayhem in this country, Nige went on to speak at two Republican rallies in support of Trump for president.

Only elected members of the cabinet should be allowed to negotiate on our behalf. Brexit and the Trump presidency are the most disruptive events making 2016 a year of regrets.

ROD SHAW
Shrewsbury

Tyre shredders would definitely stop the speeders

MAY I make suggestion? Put signs up that any speed over 10 mph during school hours automatically raises tyre shredders (slow release).

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Any one who challenges would have to go to court and if they failed, would lose their licence.

It would allow a reasonable speed outside school hours (30mph). If this was implemented word would get out.

Speeding would stop.

All you would need to do is display similar signs outside any other trouble spots the cost would be minimal as a number could be dummies.

Who would risk it?

Police and emergency services would have an override

CHRIS ADAMS
Rednal

Evil forces are at work here

WE have all got a bit of brain, but some are super brainy, clever people who have made modern life what it is today, from Henry Ford to Mr Hoover and ww.wotsis name.

In politics and industry it's the intelligent people who get to be in charge, we know best, we rule the world OK.

So why is it that the world is in such a mess?

There are wars all over, half the world is starving while others throw away enough to feed them.

A child is dying of hunger every three minutes, their bread stolen to make guns.

Talk about organising a booze-up in a brewery, it would be funny if it wasn't so tragic and dangerous.

We have just had Armistice Day when we remember with sorrow the loss of so many lives in wars, and share in the grief and pain still keenly felt by their loved ones.

Why can't those in charge recognise that there are forces in the world controlling them?

Their solution is war, war, that's Satanic, God yearns for man to have love, understanding and co-operation.

His heart must bleed over the beautiful world he created as he suffers with his suffering children. But make no mistake, his promise of a world where peace, love and joy reigns is surely coming.

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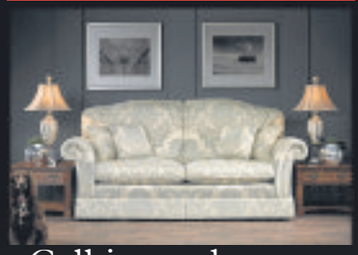

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Sally Leppanen wishes the happy couple all the best after their special wedding in Oswestry

Dorleta and Tim after they were hitched

A special wedding

A SPINAL injuries patient at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital has got married – with a little help from physiotherapist Sally Leppanen.

Sally, who works with the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries therapy team at the hospital, is also a ceremonies officer with Shropshire Registration Service in her spare time.

While working with patient Tim Mabon, 36, who sustained a spinal cord injury earlier this year, she discovered that he was engaged to his partner Dorleta Eskamendi-Gil. Before Tim's accident they planned to marry in Spain, but after the accident decided to get married in the UK or possibly not at all.

"Initially they were going to get married in the hospital," said Sally. "But I looked to see if Oswestry's council chamber was free for the date they wanted and it was.

"So I suggested by that point in Tim's recovery he could be able to leave the unit and get married there. My registrar colleagues came and took their details. After that I was allocated to officiate their wedding."

Tim, from Gloucestershire, and Dorleta's wedding rings were engraved with the October date so they didn't want to postpone the ceremony.

"We had spent a year planning our marriage, albeit in Dorleta's home town in Spain," said Tim, who suffered his injury earlier this year when he was knocked off his bike by a lorry.

"Shortly after my accident, we realised it would not be possible for me to travel, so we resigned our thoughts to not getting married this year. So, it was mentioned that we should discuss the possibility with Sally, as she was known to be a qualified ceremonies officer. She then agreed to officiate at our ceremony."

Two of the Oswestry-based hospital's health care assistants surprised the couple coming out of the registry office with confetti and a present. When Tim and Dorleta got back to the spinal unit, the physiotherapy team had decorated his bedspace with balloons and handmade dec-

Sally Leppanen, a ceremonies officer with Shropshire Registration Service, conducts the wedding of Dorleta and Tim

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Tributes paid to woman in canal tragedy

TRIBUTES have been paid to a "lovely" lady whose body was found in a canal on the Shropshire border.

Glenys Thomas, from Chirk, was found by members of the public who were walking alongside the Llangollen Canal near the Poacher's Pocket public house on New Year's Day.

Neighbours paid tribute to Mrs Thomas, 88, who had lived in the town for many years.

Lyn and Judith Price said she went out for a walk to get her newspaper at about 9am each day.

Mr Price said: "She was a really lovely lady, who was very independent." Police, who were alerted to the tragedy at noon on Sunday, said the death was being treated as unexplained but not suspicious. A spokesman said inquiries to determine what had happened were continuing and appealed for anyone with information to come forward

A file is being prepared for the Shropshire coroner.

A statement from West Mercia Police said: "At the moment, the death is being treated as unexplained but not suspicious. Police are carrying out enquiries to establish how she came to be in the canal.

Historian to talk to town's society

THE Welshpool Society kicks off 2017 with a talk by Dr Roger Brown on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

The event takes place in the Corn Exchange of the Town Hall, Welshpool.

Mr Brown is a very well known local and national historian and will speak on a history of pictures and prints of Welshpool. Admission to the lecture is £2.50.

Ornamental stone shows a 13th century monk

Report by Sue Austin

AN ornamental stone portraying the face of a smiling abbot sat for years in Meryl and Jerry Butler's home in the Ceiriog Valley.

The monk looked benignly on as family and friends enjoyed parties at their home and then kept his eye on staff and customers when the stone was moved to their business, Seventh Heaven antique beds in Chirk.

But when they decided to ask Llangollen Museum curator to have a look at the stone they were amazed by her response. For Gillian Smith realised that what she was looked at was something really special.

Her hunch has been confirmed by the University of Chester and historians who say the stone may be a gravestone portraying the effigy of Hywel, a 13th-century Cistercian abbot from Valle Crucis Abbey, Llangollen. The couple's son, Tony, who now owns Seventh Heaven, said the effigy was now on permanent display in Llangollen Museum. "My parents discovered him years ago in an auction at the Wynnstay Hall estate in Ruabon in the mid-1990, after Lindisfarne College, which owned the Hall, closed down. They were restoring a beautiful medieval and Tudor house in Glyn Ceiriog at the stone sat perfectly in the house." Professor Howard Williams from Chester University said: "I realised we were looking at a unique monument. Inscribed effigies are rare indeed. There is only one other comparable example of an incised effigy, from Rhuddlan, and while there are a large collection of medieval grave-slabs from Valle Crucis Abbey, with many on display in the abbot's house there, none have an inscribed effigy."

The effigy of the 13th century monk sat for years in a family's home near Oswestry

NEWS IN BRIEF

Entrepreneurs' hospice fundraiser

AN annual Christmas enterprise fair has raised more than £1,000 for Hope House Children's Hospice.

The fair held in the Peter Humphreys Centre in Oswestry School saw pupils, teachers, parents and friends of the school buy handcrafted gifts and homemade food.

They also took part in numerous games and challenges which had been prepared by the young Oswestrian entrepreneurs.

Morda-based Hope House, a charity which provides care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families, is the school's designated charity this term.

The prize for the stall that gave the largest donation went to Wonderful Waffles who supplied home-cooked waffles.

The handcrafted birdfeeders and gifts stall manned by Samuel Hughes and Matthew Bates won the prize for best business idea, while the Oz Fruit Machine run by young Oswald House members won best presented stall.

Six-mile walk for ramblers group

THE Welshpool Ramblers walk on Sunday will be led by Matthew and Gwyneth Prosser.

It will be an easy walk of no more than six miles from Abermule and will take advantage of some of the recent improvements made by Powys County Council to footpaths in the area

All are welcome, but no dogs on the the walk. Meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225075) or at the start of the walk at Abermule Community Centre by Abermule Primary School (OS grid ref SO 162949) ready for a 10am start. Further information if needed can be obtained on (01686) 630572.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fitness centre in fundraising drive

STAFF and members of a new fitness centre have raised £3,455 for a local cancer fund through a charity event.

Ceri Roberts, owner of Unique Fitness in Brook Street, Welshpool, along with staff and members of the centre undertook three hours of back-to-back activities including spinning, Combat MX and Triple Threat during a fundraising morning.

Sponsorship helped raise the cash, with match funding of £1,000 from Barclays Bank, which has now been donated to the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund and was presented to representatives of the charity to help their work.

Ceri said: "We had a great day undertaking a range of activities and we have to thank everyone who sponsored us. We were really pleased with how much money we raised for such a worthwhile charity."

MP welcome for low jobless level

GLYN Davies, Conservative MP for Montgomeryshire, has welcomed unemployment figures which show that unemployment is continuing to fall in Montgomeryshire.

The Office of National Statistics released figures which show that in November, the number of claimant's for Job Seekers Allowance in Montgomeryshire was 383, representing just 1.3 per cent of the economically active population. The number of claimants is down by 30 from the previous month, and is 10 lower than in November 2015.

Mr Davies said: "Unemployment in Montgomeryshire continues to fall to astonishingly low levels.

"I have never known unemployment in Montgomeryshire to be so low."

Football club supports top fundraiser Spencer

Report by Sally Williams

SHREWSBURY Town Football Club has given its support to a young fan who has raised at least £2,000 for Macmillan Cancer Care in memory of his late grandad.

Spencer Watkins, 13, of Arddleen near Welshpool, took part in a Brave the Shave event, combined with a Macmillan coffee morning at his home, to raise funds to help cancer sufferers across the region, in memory of his late grandad Ken.

When the football club heard about his gesture, it donated match tickets and signed footballs to help him. They also arranged for Spencer to meet some players before and after his head shave.

Spencer said: "Shrewsbury Town's support has been amazing, I've now met most of the team, definitely worth having a cold head." Spencer, who is also an enthusiastic supporter of Welshpool Young Fire Fighters, had been growing his hair since early summer in the build-up to the shave. Spencer's mother Nic said: "Spencer decided that he wanted to do this brave act in memory of his late grandad Ken, who passed away eight years ago from cancer. He wants to raise money to help other people like his grandad to get the help they need. Local hairdresser, Karen Francis, shaved Spencer's hair in the garden in the beautiful autumn sunshine whilst being watched by the amazing turnout of people.

"The fundraising day was rounded off with Spencer at the DJ decks in the local pub, The Horseshoe Inn, Arddleen."

Fundraiser Spencer Watkins of Arddleen near Welshpool has won the backing of Shrewbury Town FC

Safety plea over sale of mini-motos

WARNINGS have been issued about the dangers of motorbikes, mini-motos and quad bikes.

The community safety team of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said that many of the machines were being sold over the internet through social media pages over the Christmas period.

It said there have been several tragic cases, in the UK and overseas, of children being killed or seriously injured while riding quad bikes or mini-motos.

Mark Davies, watch manager, said: "It can be often tempting for parents to purchase these machines for their children as they can be found very cheaply on local swap-shop sites or selling pages.

"However, they are powerful machines and can reach speeds of up to 60mph making them extremely dangerous in the hands of children or adolescents."

He said the road safety charity, Brake, was calling for a law banning children from riding mini-motorbikes or trail bikes, and a law restricting quad bike use to older children on certified tracks.

Health chief takes on further role

A HEALTH chief has also taken on a role within a local authority, it has been announced.

Powys Teaching Health Board's chief executive, Carol Shillabeer, has, in addition to her current role, taken on the post of interim strategic director for people at Powys County Council. She started the job this week on an interim basis. The role also includes the statutory director of social services responsibilities.

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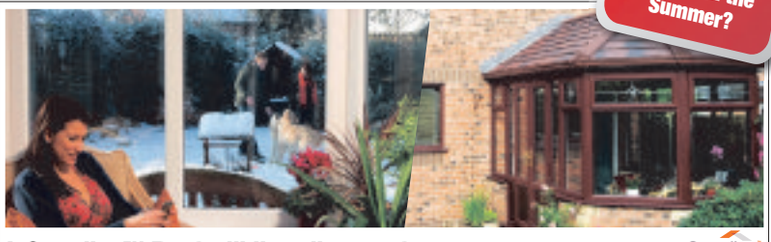

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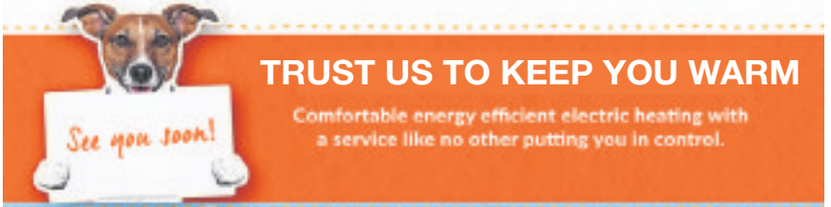

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Time for a story at village library

A FREE story time session for adults is about to be launched in a village near Oswestry.

Time to Listen will take place at Gobowen Central community hub on St Martins Road on Tuesday, from 10am to 11am, and will see stories read by library volunteers.

Meanwhile, regular rhymetimes for pre-school children will start again at Oswestry, Ellesmere and Gobowen libraries. They will be held in Oswestry on Monday from 2pm to 2.30pm and at Gobowen on January 17 from 11am to 11.30am.

Safeguard course places available

PLACES are available on a range of adult safeguarding courses

The courses will be held in Shrewsbury on January 9 and 18 at SPIC offices in Annscroft, at Doddington Lodge Hotel in Whitchurch on January 17, Whole Life Centre in Oswestry on January 24 and Ludlow Conference Centre on January 31. To find out more or book a place on any of the courses, call (01743) 254731 or visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/jointtraining

Teamwork recognised by hospital award

THEATRE staff at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital have been presented with a special award in recognition of their teamwork during a patient emergency.

A multi-disciplinary team at the hospital had to leap into action when a patient went into cardiac arrest in the anaesthetic room ahead of a planned surgical procedure.

Thanks to the calm response of the team, the patient was stabilised. They were subsequently transferred to another hospital, where they sadly died in intensive care.

But Amanda Peet, divisional manager for theatres, said that should not detract from the professionalism and expertise demonstrated by staff to give the patient the best possible chance.

Their efforts were recognised with the presentation of a Chairman and Chief Executive's Commendation.

"Thankfully, it is a very rare event indeed for a patient to go into cardiac arrest in theatre," said Ms Peet. "Despite this being so rare, however, all the theatre team, surgeons and anaesthetists worked together like clockwork to handle the situation they were presented with."

Frank Collins, trust chairman, said: "As a specialist orthopaedic hospital, events of this nature are very rare indeed in our theatres, so it is to the immense credit of this group of individuals that they responded in the manner in which they did. Some might even say that they went above and beyond the call of duty to support this patient and I have no doubt that this is the case. However, their actions were entirely in keeping with what I would expect from our dedicated staff. I am proud of them, and they should be so proud of themselves. This award is very much deserved."

Chief executive Mark Brandreth, far left, and chairman Frank Collins, far right, present the commendation certificate

Mark Brandreth, chief executive, added: "This is only the second time we have given out a commendation of this nature, but we felt we had to recognise in a very public way this demonstration of exceptional teamwork.

"Our values really shone through in the conduct and professionalism of this group and I thank you all for your efforts."

Firm raises glass to its Co-op deal

A MICROBREWERY is celebrating after pulling in a contract with the Co-op to supply an estimated 20,000 pints of ale in a year.

Bosses at Monty's Brewery say the development has come just at the right time. Founded by Russ and Pam Honeyman, who is the head brewer, the Montgomeryshire based business will supply its Moonrise ale and Sunshine to around 80 of the community retailer's stores. It is the first contract Monty's Brewery has won with a national retailer.

The Co-op said it was committed to doubling the number of its small and micro suppliers and it has launched a small producer charter to support and provide opportunities to champion local suppliers.

Mr Honeyman said: "This is very exciting news, we are delighted to be working with the Co-op. Moonrise and Sunshine are our 'flag ship' ales and to reach more Welsh communities is a great opportunity, building awareness of our brand and opening up new markets for our business.

"This development has come at the right time for Monty's and can play a part in moving our business to the next stage, especially as people frequently ask us where they can buy our beers."

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Fun day treat is enjoyed by brave young patients

Report by Naomi Penrose

CHILDREN affected by Muscular Dystrophy and other muscle-wasting conditions got to enjoy an action-packed family fun day co-organised by the award-winning neuromuscular team at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

The team, which was awarded Centre of Excellence status earlier this year, teamed up with Muscular Dystrophy UK to put on the fun day at The Venue at Park Hall near Oswestry.

More than 50 children and adults from across the West Midlands attended the event, which gave children a chance to meet Father Christmas, and families the opportunity to meet each other and speak to expert neuromuscular specialist health professionals and members of the Muscular Dystrophy UK team.

Nurse practitioner Claire Bassie with Santa and three of the children

Claire Bassie, neuromuscular advanced nurse practitioner, said: "We are delighted to have been able to work with Muscular Dystrophy UK and provide such a fun day out for all the families. We really hope we can do this something like this again soon.

"Events like this are important as it helps families realise they are not alone, and to be able to discuss their individual situations with like-minded people who really know and understand what they are going through."

The event, which was free to attend for all the invited families, included a festive lunch and activities for the children. Entertainment included a magician and face painting, as well as that much-anticipated visit from Father Christmas. In addition there were mince pies and Christmas songs and families from across the region got into the festive spirit together.

Hannah Chalmers, neuromuscular policy and engagement officer for Muscular Dystrophy UK, said: "It was lovely to meet so many new families and have a fun day out with them all.

"We know that living with a rare condition is difficult and can sometimes feel isolating."

Muscular Dystrophy UK awarded Centre of Excellence status to the hospital team in March, following a rigorous UK-wide audit of neuromuscular services by a panel of experts. The audit was carried out to recognise high-quality care provided to people with muscle-wasting conditions – of which there are 70,000 in the UK. The Oswestry service is now only one of 10 neuromuscular centres in the UK to meet the charity's specialist criteria. Oswestry's specialist team currently looks after 1,046 patients, who receive expert advice, physiotherapy and hydrotherapy crucial to maintaining their health and wellbeing. The service is instrumental in the lives of local patients and families alike.

Hundreds sign historic hall petition

MORE than 600 people signed a petition in just one day to prevent any part of an historic Shropshire hall from being demolished.

The petition wants to stop any sector of Brogyntyn Hall, near Oswestry, from being demolished.

In 2014, plans, submitted by applicants J Ross Developments, were approved for 50 homes to be built within the 93-acre grounds of Brogyntyn.

Buildings at Home Farm on the parkland will be turned into 11 homes and the Grade II listed Brogyntyn Hall will be restored to a family home.

As part of the plans one wing of the building would also be demolished.

The new petition has been set up by Oswestry resident Thomas James, who said it would be a shame for the plans to go ahead and for part of the building to be demolished.

He said:"Myself personally, I am deeply saddened that this has been allowed to happen. Brogyntyn Hall itself is a popular attraction and I as well as others walk up there often. It would be such a shame to see a large piece of it missing." The petition, addressed to Shropshire Council, calls for no part of the hall to be demolished.

Nobody from J Ross Developments was available for comment.

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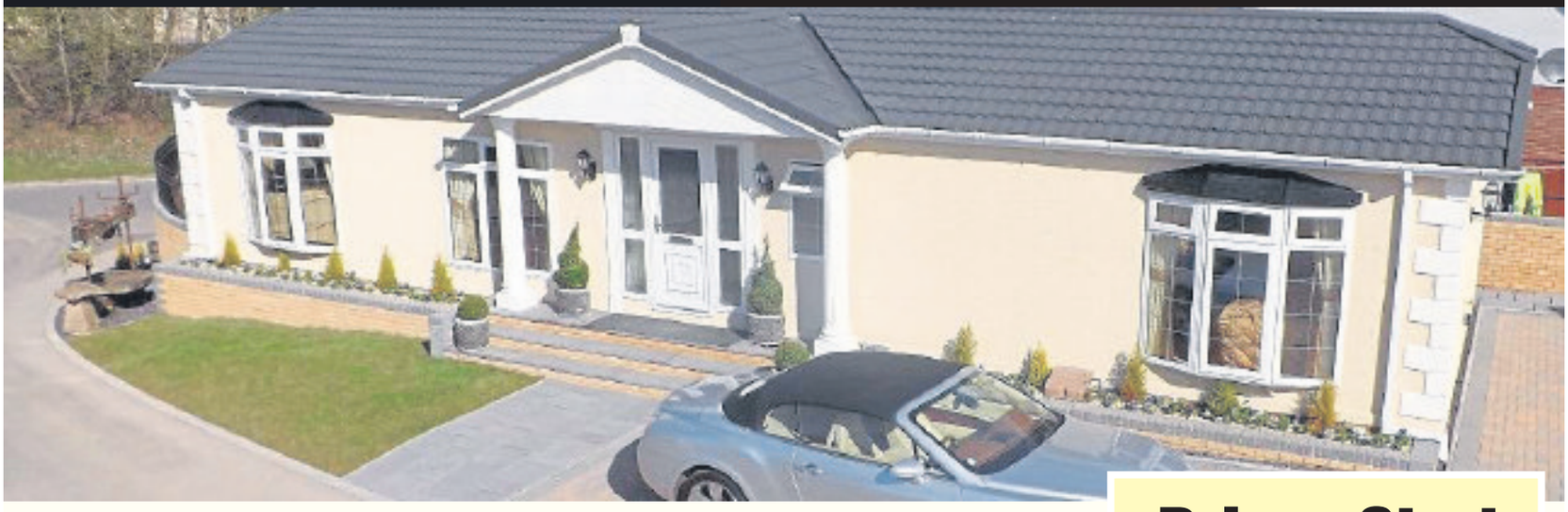

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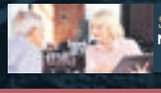

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Bake Off star set to visit institute

GREAT British Bake Off competitor, Diane Beard, will be the speaker at Kinnerley Women's Institute.

Mrs Beard, 72, will talk about her time on the celebrated television series, and about her life-long love of baking.

She left the programme mid-series in 2014 saying she had a fall which had made her lose her sense of smell, making it impossible for her to continue.

The meeting will be held at Kinnerley Village Hall on Thursday next week at 7.30pm.

Members welcomed another television personality to a group meeting last year.

John Hammond the weatherman enlightened the audience about his career and the technical side of producing the weather.

Over the past year the Kinnerley WI has welcomed an average of 27 members to the monthly meeting with talks ranging from county dialects to osteoporosis, and planting the best shrubs to attract bees.

Group to meet in hall for talk

THIS year will see Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group move to Oswestry Methodist Church Hall in Castle Street for its meetings.

The group's next meeting will be on Friday next week at 7.30pm when Sarah Thursfield, costume historian and author of The Medieval Tailor's Assistant, will speak on clothing the poor in the late 18th century.

New members and visitors are very welcome. Full details of Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group's lectures are available at Oswestry Library and on the group's website at www.oswestry.histarch.uk

For full details of membership or to get involved in the group's activities, contact the membership secretary on (01691) 653355.

Co-operation driving dualling work forward

Report by Sue Austin

CO-OPERATION between the Welsh government and Highways England could bring the dualling of the A5 and A483 through Shropshire and the borders a step nearer.

Cross border MPs and a Welsh government minister have pledged to work together for major road improvements in the region.

They could be helped by a recent traffic count which showed that of the traffic on both trunk roads more than 10 per cent was heavy goods vehicles.

The MPs for North Shropshire, Owen Paterson, Clwyd South, Sue Elan Jones and Wrexham, Ian Lucas, met the Welsh roads minister Ken Skates recently.

They told him of the problems of the two roads and their importance in the UK's strategic roads network.

The A483 is the main north/south arterial route through Wales while the A5 between Shrewsbury and Ruabon is the only single carriageway stretch of road between Europe and Ireland.

Mr Paterson has been campaigning for the A5 to become a dual carriageway for many years and has been promised a visit by the British transport minister, John Hayes, to Shropshire.

"I have had some very positive feedback about the potential to dual the A5," he said.

"Having the Welsh government well and truly behind improvements to the A5 and the A483 would be immensely helpful to the push for dualling."

Mr Paterson added: "Welsh Minister, Ken Skates told us that he would do everything in his power to get Welsh money for improvements on the border and it was extremely helpful to have the support from the Welsh MPs."

Delight for the new owners of cafe

Jon and Amanda Roberts are looking to the future after taking over as owners of an Oswestry cafe

IT'S a dream come true for cafe couple Jon and Amanda Roberts.

After several years managing the popular Oswestry cafe, Milano's, situated along Old Chapel Court, they have now become the new owners and are brimming with ideas to build on the cafe's success. "I came here back in 2004," said Mr Roberts. "I'd been recommended as a chef.

"It's been quite the journey so far, a lot of hard work, but a lot of fun too, and we're both really excited about the next chapter in the Milano's story." The cafe first opened its doors in 2001 before expanding to two spacious floors along with a covered conservatory, and has become a much-liked, regular spot for many.

"Our focus has always been on great coffee, locally-sourced ingredients, great food and cakes made in-house, friendly service, and a relaxed service atmosphere," says Mr Roberts. "Our customers come to Milano's to meet, chat, catch up on the news, have a bite to eat, or just to enjoy a little time to themselves."

Mrs Roberts, too, has worked at the cafe for several years, more recently as staff manager, as well as being the head baker of Milano's famous traditional cakes. "We love the homely feel of the space and structure as it is," said Mrs Roberts, "but over the coming months, we want to give it a splash of colour and refresh the furnishings, to make it even more comfortable and attractive."

Councillors air worries over store traffic plan

A NEW supermarket is being built before worries over road access have been ironed out, it has been claimed.

Oswestry Town Council has called for urgent talks with retailer Lidl and with Shropshire Council about the access to and from the store from the busy Shrewsbury Road.

Councillors say they are worried that the traffic could cause major problems for motorists going into and out of the town centre.

Lidl was granted permission for a store earlier this year subject to conditions which includes the approval of traffic management.

But at the recent town council's development and planning meeting, councillors were told that Lidl had still not had its highways design approved.

Councillors acknowledged that the car park plan includes spaces set aside for people visiting the neighbouring cemetery.

But they said there were very disappointed that a site plan did not include an approved traffic management scheme, despite building of the store well underway.

Mayor, Councillor Paul Milner, said: "We are very worried about the impact of the extra traffic this store will generate on this major access route into Oswestry.

"There are worries that there could be hold-ups and dangers posed by traffic going into and emerging from the site which sits close to two busy junctions." Town councillors are also calling for information on what planning gain has come from the granting of planning permission for the supermarket. It has written to Lidl and Shropshire Council asking for a site visit to discuss access and also to ask for the traffic design to got to a meeting of the north planning committee of Shropshire Council and not be decided by planning officers.

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Water firm carries out work on pipes

SEVERN Trent is investing about £140,000 to install new water pipes in Welshpool.

The work means roadworks will hit the A483 bypass and the western approach to the town.

The water company says the work they do now will ensure the community has a reliable water supply for years to come. It was due to start this week with contractors carrying out three phases as part of the project which should last around eight weeks.

Gareth Mead, from Severn Trent, said: "This is a really important project for Welshpool and will make sure people living there have a reliable water supply.

"The first phase of our work will see a new water pipe installed beneath the A458 near to the nature reserve."

The whole project should be finished by the end of February.

Mr Mead said the water company would work as quickly as possible to complete the work but there will be some road restrictions required as the pipes are laid.

Initiative aims to safeguard parks

PARK users are being urged to fork out £36 a year to secure the future of Shropshire's premier country parks in the wake of budget cuts.

Under Shropshire's Great Outdoors initiative residents are being asked to pay £3 a month towards a project to maintain and protect the spaces.

The county's parks cost around £300,000 a year to maintain, but Shropshire Council says it needs to raise money after government grants and council funding were reduced.

The council looks after parks and heritage sites, including Severn Valley Country Park near Bridgnorth and The Mere at Ellesmere. Extra funds will help improve the rights of way network, habitat management and look after historic monuments.

Ex-MP backs NASA plan to tackle asteroid threat

Report by Sally Williams

FORMER MP Lembit Opik has backed NASA plans for an interceptor rocket to knock incoming asteroids and comets off course in a bid to protect Earth from Armageddon.

The former MP for Montgomeryshire warns that if an asteroid hit Shropshire it would incinerate everything in its path.

And he agrees with a NASA scientist who warned that the Earth is woefully unprepared for any such impact from a comet or asteroid.

Mr Opik, who has long campaigned for action to protest the Earth from asteroids, said: "We are sleepwalking our way to Armageddon. NASA is right – I have been banging on about this for 20 years, like my grandfather who was an astronomer, before me.

"It may sound like sci-fi talk and a Hollywood movie but an asteroid has hit Earth before and it will happen again, I predict, within 80 years or so.

"About 1,000 people were injured when a meteor hit Siberia in 2013 and if it had have been bigger, thousands of people would have died. But because it sounds like something from a movie, politicians have been treating it like a joke.

"And in 1908 there was another impact in an unpopulated area of Siberia.

"If we don't do something soon millions of people could be killed and I probably won't be here to say 'I told you so'.

"If Telford was hit, everyone would be incinerated within a radius out to Shrewsbury. Not doing anything is like hearing about a killer disease and not searching for a cure. We and the whole of civilisation could be next in line for extinction, it's all a matter of time."

Councillor delivers a special thank-you

Mark Robinson, Jon Abbotts, Danielle Lewis, Councillor Ann Hartley and John Lightfoot at the delivery office

BUSY posties have been thanked for all their hard work during the Christmas rush, as Royal Mail's 500th anniversary draws to a close.

Councillor Ann Hartley, chairman of Shropshire Council, visited Oswestry Delivery Office to thank staff personally and was shown around the office by delivery office manager, Mark Robinson.

She was introduced to the postmen and women pulledout all the stops to sort and deliver mail in the Oswestry area over the Christmas period.

"At no other time is the hard work and dedication of postmen and women clearer than during the festive period," said Councillor Hartley.

"I thank them for the extraordinary lengths they go to, to ensure Christmas cards and presents are delivered to loved ones on time – and for all they do year-round."

Probe into tragedy at aqueduct is continuing

A HEALTH and safety investigation into a landmark aqueduct launched following a teenager's death is continuing.

Teenager, Kris McDowell, died when he fell from Pontcysyllte Aqueduct in May last year. An inquest into the 18-year-old's death has been adjourned until the autumn.

After the tragedy the Health and Safety Executive launched an investigation and in November issued an Improvement Notice.

The Canals and Rivers Trust which is responsible for the structure appealed against the notice.

Jonathan Ludford from the Canals and Rivers Trust this week said: "As is normal in such incidents, the Health & Safety Executive is carrying out an investigation into the tragic death of Mr McDowell. We are helping them in any way we can. Our thoughts remain with Mr McDowell's family and friends. It would be inappropriate to comment further whilst the investigation takes place."

Jack Rimmer from the Health and Safety Executive said: "I can confirm the appeal has yet to happen, as a result we are unable to comment any further at this time."

It has also been revealed that the aqueduct, a World Heritage Site, which carries the Llangollen canal across the Dee Valley, is to be closed to pedestrians and partially closed to boaters at the end of the month to allow for repair works on the parapet.

The towpath across the aqueduct will be closed for three weeks from January 30.

The canal itself will be closed from Mondays to Saturdays from 9am until 3pm.

The trust has also warned people to be aware of any warning signage and fencing, and advised they are there for the public's safety. The aqueduct is the longest and highest in Britain.

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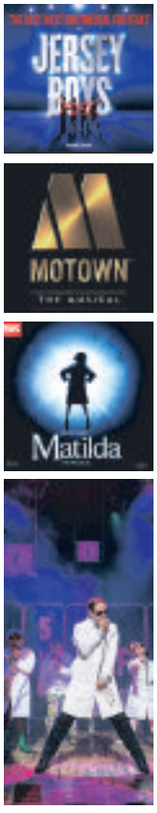

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Beautiful barn conversion has delightful grounds

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Outside are single and double garages together with ample off road parking.

The home is approached off the lane via a large parking area and terrace garden to the fore. An entrance door leads directly into the kitchen. This is a recently fitted Schuller kitchen with a large central island and breakfast bar with matching base units and eye level wall cupboards. French doors lead to the courtyard. The kitchen opens to the breakfast room with more units with a marble worktop and sink, integrated fridge, freezer and washing machine. There is a door to the courtyard and a separate door to rear garden.

The sitting room has exposed ceiling beams, oak flooring, French windows leading to the courtyard, separate doors leading to front and a propane gas fired stove set on a raised brick hearth and ceiling spotlights. Off the inner hallway with oak flooring is a cloakroom and separate WC. The dining/drawing room is a large open plan space, partly open to the ceiling with exposed beams, a brick fireplace and sliding doors to the conservatory with oak flooring. The front hallway has a staircase to the first floor and an under-stairs storage cupboard and a door to the study.

Also off the hallway is the master bedroom with fitted wardrobes with a matching dressing table and drawer unit and an en-suite. Off the first floor landing is a further bedroom with a storage cupboard and en-suite with a bath and shower above.

There is a further bedroom with a double wardrobe, a bathroom with a bath with a shower above. A staircase from the drawing room leads to a further bedroom with an en-suite. The generous gardens include a paved terrace, lawn, paved patio area, stables for storage.

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The property is accessed via a driveway providing ample car parking and a turning area. This leads to a detached garage/stable with up and over front doors. The garden is large and walled. There is a fruit orchard with a range of timber store sheds and adjoining the property are two fields totally around 3.5 acres.

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OSWESTRY

- Investment Property Providing Income Of £500 pcm
- Modern Apartment Occupying Quiet Position Convenient For Town Centre
- GFCH & DG
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen
- Living Room With Balcony
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Covered Parking Below The Apartment
- EPC Band - C

JJD942

GUIDE PRICE £119,950

OSWESTRY

- Two bedroomed Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Located In Popular Residential Area
- Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway. Garage. Car Port
- Front And Good Sized Rear Garden
- EPC Band - D

JJD947

GUIDE PRICE £118,000

RHYDYCROESAU, NR. OSWESTRY

- Exceptionally Well Appointed Welsh Stone Cottage
- OFCH & UPVC D/G
- Sitting Room
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Separate Garaging
- Sun Room And Workshop
- Rear Terrace Garden
- EPC Band F

JJD901

GUIDE PRICE £184,750

OSWESTRY

- Attractive Top Floor Retirement Apartment
- Convenient For Town's Shopping Centre
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Balcony
- Parking Space
- EPC Band - C

JJD945

£119.950

PANT

Individually designed highly appointed three bed.detached house

- O/F C/H, D/G
- Lounge & Study
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Sun Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Children's Play Room/ Fourth Bedroom
- Garage & Car Parking
- Extensive Views
- EPC Band C

JJD782

£420,000

OSWESTRY

- Attractive Georgian House Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom & Cellar
- Dining Room
- Living Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Courtyard
- Off Street Parking
- EPC Band - D

JJD931

GUIDE PRICE £159,950

DEVELOPMENT SITE - HENGOED

- Site Extending To 0.8 Acres
- Property Occupied By Repairs Garage
- OPP For Four Executive Dwellings
- Outskirts Of Village Location
- Open Views Across Surrounding Countryside
- We understand Mains Electricity And Water Available

JJD893

£445,000

OSWESTRY - TO LET

- Three Bed. Det. Bungalow
- Quiet Cul De Sac Location
- GFCH & UPVC DG
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Rent £600 pcm
- Deposit £600
- Agreement Cost £180
- EPC Band - D

JJD084

£600 PCM

OSWESTRY-TO LET

- Three Bed. Semi-Det House
- Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GFCH & D/G
- Entrance Hall, Lounge & Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Driveway
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Rent £505 pcm Deposit £505
- Agreement Cost £180
- EPC Band - C

JJD027

£505 PCM

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- Llanfyllin - One bedroom Ground Flat - £295 pcm
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- Llanfyllin - Three bedroom detached house - £525 pcm
- Oswestry - Six bedroom Detached house - £825 pcm
- Glyn Ceiriog - Three Bedroom bungalow - £550 pcm
- Pandy - Two bedroom Mid Terrace cottage - £450 pcm
- Oswestry - Two Bedroom Apartment - £475 pcm
- Weston Rhyn - Two bedroom Mid Terrace house - £500 pcm

OSWESTRY

- Lovely End of Terrace
- Convenient Location
- One Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating

£95,000

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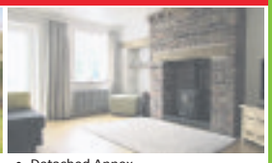

- Stunning Detached Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Detached Annex
- Wooden Flooring
- Garden

£359,950

OSWESTRY

- Victorian End Terrace
- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Close to Town
- Tastefully Decorated
- Well Maintained Throughout
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Private Garden

£167,500

TREGEIRIOG

- Delightful Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Situated within the Popular Hamlet
- Well Maintained Gardens
- Garage
- Oil Central Heating

£199,950

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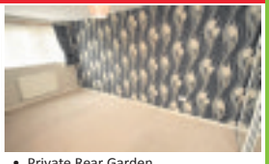

- NO ONWARD CHAIN!
- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Private Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Well Maintained

Offers in the region of £139,950

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- Three Buildings
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- 17 Bedrooms in The Grange
- Currently Nursing Home
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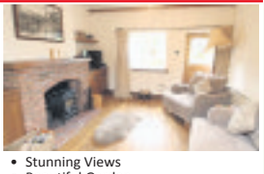


- Delightful
- Two Bedroom
- End Terrace Cottage
- Stunning Views
- Beautiful Garden
- Rural Location

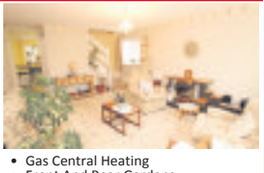
£145,000

OSWESTRY

- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Off Road Parking
- Edge Of Town Location
- Upvc Double Glazing

Offers in the region of £163,950

LODGEVALE PARK, CHIRK



- Semi Detached
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Well Maintained

Offers in the region of £120,000

GOBOWEN

- Take a Second Look
- Not What it Seems
- Four Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommodation
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£167,950

WHITTINGTON

- Victorian Semi-Detached
- Popular Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented Throughout

£175,000

OSWESTRY

- Detached Bungalow
- Spacious Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- Recently Updated

£195,000

MORDA

- Three Bedroom Cottage
- Mid Terraced
- Open View to the Rear
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- En-suite

£139,950

ST MARTINS

- NO CHAIN!!
- Beautifully Presented
- Detached Three Bedroom
- Outskirts of Village
- Superb Kitchen/Dining Room
- Cloakroom

£225,000

LLANFECHAIN

- MUST SEE PROPERTY!!!
- Charming Country Cottage
- Many Original Features
- Large Inglenook
- Sought After Village Location
- Oil Central Heating

£249,950

LLANWDDYN, LAKE VYRNWY

- Beautiful Location
- Detached Stone Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Further Bathrooms
- Greenhouse
- Workshop

Offers in the region of £269,000

OSWESTRY

- Delightful Two Bedroom
- Mid Terrace
- Recently Refurbished
- Private Rear Garden

£99,950

OSWESTRY

- NO CHAIN
- First Time Buy or Investment
- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Convenient Location

£92,950

TREFLACH

- Detached Family Home
- Annexe Accommodation
- Great Flexibility & Potential
- Four Bedrooms in Main House

Offers in the region of £349,950

GRIMPO, WEST FELTON

- Charming Detached Cottage
- One Downstairs Bedroom
- With En-Suite
- Two Upstairs Bedrooms

£350,000

OSWESTRY

- FULL VALUE PART EXCHAGE
- INCENTIVES & DEALS AVAILABLE
- FLOORING & LIGHT FITTINGS INCLUDED

£375,000

TREFLACH

- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Family Home
- Separate Detached Apartment
- Triple Garage

£425,000

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Large detached family house is in cul-de-sac

WHITTINGTON
£329,950

A large detached executive family village house, 2 Park Issa Gardens, Station Road, Whittington lies in a pleasing cul-de-sac position.

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £329,950. The property is a traditionally constructed detached house, the present owner having extended the accommodation with a utility and study, further garaging/workshop and external storage.It has a covered porch, a reception hall, a cloakroom/WC and a dining room. There is also a lounge, a conservatory, kitchen, rear entrance hall and utility and study. On the first floor is a galleried landing with an airing cupboard and carpeting. Bedroom one has a double built-in wardrobe, carpeting and an en-suite shower room. There are three further bedrooms – all with carpeting – and one with a built-in wardrobe.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437.

Superb cottage with balcony is in location on edge of forest

LLANGADFAN
£175,000 <<<

Bliss Cottage, 4 Hendre, Llangadfan, is a delightfully charming two-bedroomed semi-detached cottage in a beautiful location on the edge of Dyfnant Forest.

Having a balcony, separate lounge and dining room, kitchen and wet room, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £175,000. A number of external items may be available by separate negotiation including a wood fired hot tub, an attractive insulated "Hobbit House" with wood stove, a large timber shed and a timber potting shed/greenhouse.From the paved patio the gardens lead across the front of the house with a raised lawn in a sunny position with good views. A pathway then leads to large side gardens with woodland beyond. There is a stream-fed pond and a second still pond.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more information.

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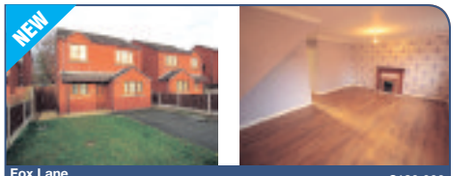


Fox Lane, West Felton — £180,000
- A spacious and well maintained 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge
- Conservatory and Dining/Family Room
- 3 Bedrooms (master en-suite) and a Family Bathroom
- Off-road parking and enclosed front and rear gardens
- Oil C/H and uPVC double glazing
- EPC RatingC (69). NO CHAIN

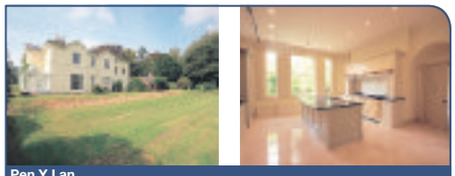
Elm Tree Park, Llanymynech — £350,000
- OPEN WEEKEND SATURDAY 14TH AND SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2017 11.00am to 4.00pm
- ONLY ONE PLOT REMAINING
- PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE
- LAST CHANCE TO BUY ON THIS EXCLUSIVE EXECTIVE DEVELOPMENT
- HIGH SPECIFICATION FINISH
- TIMBER FRAMED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSES
- DOUBLE GARAGE

Old Chirk Road, Gobowen — £260,000
- Superbly appointed and spacious 2/3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Standing in large well maintained gardens with large garage & summer house
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Dining Room
- 3 Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Ample off road parking to the fore.
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC RatingD (68)

Whittington Road — £99,950
- Well equipped retail unit situated in a prominent position
- Detached steel portal framed single unit extending to 786 sq foot
- Parking, yard to the front
- Remote roller shutter door and security fencing outside.

Morton, Nr Oswestry — £175,000
- A unique opportunity to purchase a 2 Bedroom Detached Cottage
- Requiring a full scheme of refurbishment.
- In the quiet hamlet of Morton
- Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge
- Ground floor Bathroom 2 double bedrooms
- Large garden, outbuilding and garage
- EPC Rating
- NO CHAIN

Llanrhaeadr YM — £250,000
- NO CHAIN - An idyllic Detached Country Cottage set in an elevated position
- With outstanding views over the Tanat Hills and surrounding countryside
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility and ground floor Shower Room
- 3 Double Bedrooms (1 en-suite) and a separate Family Bathroom
- The property stands in large lawned gardens
- Ample off road parking together with a single garage
- Concrete shed and former pig styes
- Oil central heating is installed throughout



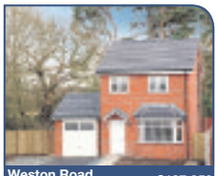
Pen Y Lan, Oswestry — £1,250,000
- An impressive & substantial 6 bedroom Grade II Listed Georgian Country House
- The property has been sympathetically restored to high specification
- Retains a host of period features including mosaic tiled flooring, decorative cornice ceiling finish, window shutters and period fireplaces
- Situated in an elevated position on the edge of the historic market town of Oswestry
- Excellent views together with extensive gardens, tennis court and woodland extending to approx 2.8 acres (1.15 ha).

Castle Street, Oswestry — £100,000
- Spacious 2 Bed End Terrace Hse
- Contains a host of original features
- Ent Hall, Living Room and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Additional Attic Room
- slabbed area to the front.
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating
- NO CHAIN

Oswald Place, Oswestry — £124,950
- 3 Bed Town House with Original Features
- Within Walking Distance of Town Centre
- Kitchen Lounge, Cloakroom
- 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Master Bed with adj Dressing Room
- Private Courtyard Garden
- Gas C/H, D/G. EPC Rating F
- NO CHAIN

Plough Bank, Weston Rhyn — £119,995
- A well maintained and deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Situated within the popular village of Weston Rhyn
- Entrance Hall/Study, Lounge and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms and a Bathroom
- Enclosed front and rear gardens with allocated parking to the rear
- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- EPC Rating

Old Post Office Lane, Trefonen — £275,000
- A fully renovated 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow set within a plot extending to 0.35 acre
- Situated in an elevated position with views towards open countryside
- The property has been fully renovated to a high specification throughout
- Open plan Kitchen - Living Area, Utility Room, Cloaks
- 3 Bedrooms, master bed with en-suite, Bathroom
- Raised veranda leading off Living Area
- Large gravel driveway and detached single garage.
- Brand new uPVC double glazing and Oil C/H. EPC Rating E (49)



Weston Road, Morda — £127,950
- PRICES FROM £127,950
- Oakwood Grange is a small residential development
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Cloakroom
- 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom.
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- All properties will come with 10 year warranty

Lakeholme Gardens, Oswestry — £224,950
- An immaculately presented 5 Bedroom, 3 Storey Townhouse
- Situated in close walking proximity to the town centre of Oswestry and Cae Glas Park.
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Master Bedroom Suite with Dressing Room and En-Suite.
- Good size enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking space
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating C (75)

The Meads, Weston Rhyn — £119,950
- A most delightful and spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge, fitted kitchen/berakfast room
- Three bedrooms and family bathroom
- Newly fitted Gas fired boiler & D/G
- Good sized gardens to front & rear
- Off road parking provision
- EPC Rating C '76'
- NO CHAIN

Cherry Tree Dr, St Martins — £123,999
- NO CHAIN
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Rm
- 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Well maintained gardens, off road parking
- uPVC D/G, electric storage heaters
- Cavity wall insulation. EPC Rating D (62)

Regent Court, Oswestry — £120,000
- Well appointed 2 Bed 1st Flr Apartment
- Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- Sep Shower Rm, Secure car parking
- 24 hour resident secretary, communal lounge & garden
- Security entrance system
- EPC Rating C '71'

Queen's Head, Oswestry — £485,000
- Little Wootton Barn is a beautifully presented L shaped Barn Conversion
- Spacious, well laid out accommodation situated in delightful landscaped grounds.
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Dining/Drawing Room
- Cloakroom, Master Bedroom (en-suite) 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bath/Shower Rooms and Study.
- Double garages together with ample off road parking
- EPC Rating E (51). NO CHAIN

Parc Hafod, Llanymynech — £325,000
- An immaculately presented 5 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Located within a quiet residential area in the popular village of Four Crosses
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen& Utility
- First floor is a Master Suite including Dressing Room and En-Suite
- Further 2 Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- On the second floor are 2 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Gardens to the front and rear and a driveway and double garage
- LP Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. EPC Rating C (76)

Ardmillan Close, Oswestry — £314,995
- Rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House with a self contained 2 Bed Annex
- The main house accommodation:Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, kitchen
- Rear Hall, Utility & Cloaks, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathrm & Separate Shower Rm
- The annex accommodation: Living Room, Kitchen, 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Both having gas central heating and double glazing
- Ample off road parking and garage together with enclosed gardens

Laburnum Drive, Oswestry — £139,995
- Spacious 3 Bed Semi-Detached Hse
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Rm
- Utility Room, Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Large enclosed rear garden & gravelled driveway to front
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating 'C' (69)

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LLANYMYNECH

£315,000

Four bedroomed house on a recently established estate

11 Parc Llwyfen, Elm Tree Park, Llanymynech is a detached four-bedroomed residence on a pleasant recently established estate.

Close to village amenities and the A483, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £315,000. In brief it has two reception rooms, a study, kitchen, utility, a family bathroom, ensuite, gas central heating, double glazing and a well maintained rear garden.

In more detail an open porch to the front gives access to the front door to the entrance hall with an entry-phone system.

The lounge has a stone fireplace housing a multi fuel stove and a box bay window to the front. There is also a study which overlooks the frontage and a cloakroom/WC. The kitchen/breakfast room has an extensive range of floor and wall units, ample work surfaces, tiled splash surfaces, tiled flooring, a useful

under stairs store, built-in appliances incorporating a double electric oven, gas hob, extractor hood and fridge/freezer. The utility includes a sink and a door to the outside. The dining room has double doors opening out to the rear patio.

Stairs from the entrance hall lead to the first floor landing.

The master bedroom has a pair of double doored built-in fitted wardrobes and an ensuite shower room with a fully tiled cubicle having a plumbed shower fitting, low-flush WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

Bedroom two has a double built-in wardrobe, while bedroom three has a single door built-in wardrobe and bedroom four has a double door built-in wardrobe.

Fitted with a modern P-shaped bath, the bathroom has a plumbed shower fitting and screen, low flush WC, a vanity wash hand basin and complementary wall tiling.

Outside is a double drive approach off the head of the cul-de-sac which enables ample on-site parking and access to the garage. The front garden is open plan and lawned with a gated side access with a paved pathway to the rear.

The well enclosed and screened rear garden includes a level lawn, paved patio and mature shrubs and trees to the borders. There is also a useful side store area.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.

Traditional home in village benefits from improved accommodation

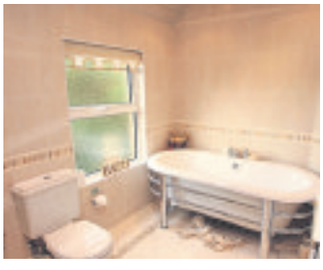
WHITTINGTON

£229,950 >>>

A large village house with new windows, 9 Oaklands Drive, Whittington is positioned on a generous attractive plot with a double driveway and a garage.

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £229,950. With double glazing and gas central heating it has a porch, an entrance hall, cloakroom/WC, two reception rooms, a kitchen, utility, four bedrooms, a bathroom and en-suite and a good sized garden. The property is situated in a quiet road within the village with excellent local facilities including a post office, a village shop, a hairdressers, an ancient moated castle, church and two pubs. The village is convenient for travelling to Oswestry with a regular local bus service, Shrewsbury, Wrexham and Chester. There is also a main line railway station at Gobowen. The property has improved accommodation with new pvc windows and external decoration. It also has gas fired central heating and double glazing. Outside, the property is set back from the road. The driveway has ample car parking space and access to the garage which has an integral door to the utility.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437.



Victorian end of terrace home in town is well maintained

OSWESTRY

£167,500 <<<

A Victorian end of terrace property with three bedrooms, 74 York Street, Oswestry is tastefully decorated and well maintained throughout.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £167,500. Its accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge/dining room, a beautifully fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom. The property is warmed by gas central heating and double glazing. To the outside is a garage, a small front garden, a private side garden and a rear yard with storage a shed. Number 74 is conveniently located and within walking distance of Oswestry town centre which has an abundance of local amenities including schools and leisure facilities.The front of the property is walled and paved with a brick driveway leading to the garage.The side garden is private with decking. The rear garden has a paved yard.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

End of an era as Percy the Peacock passes away

Percy the Peacock was a well known attraction at the hospital for more than 20 years

Percy brought joy to patients, staff and visitors alike during his time at the hospital

A PROUD mascot at a specialist hospital has passed away after bringing joy to staff and patients for more than 20 years.

Percy the Peacock flew into the grounds at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital 22 years ago and never left.

He became a firm favourite, especially with children receiving treatment at the hospital, which is based at Gobowen.

Now bosses are to look at ways of remembering him.

The peacock had been taken ill before Christmas and rushed to a vet for treatment, only to rally and return to his hospital home in time for the festive season.

But he took a sudden turn for the worse on Monday afternoon, and passed away in the arms of Tracy Dunbar, a medical secretary at the hospital who had helped to look after him in recent years.

Mark Brandreth, hospital chief executive, said: "This is very sad news, especially coming right at the start of the New Year. Percy has brought joy to so many people over such a long period of time.

"We had thought we were losing Percy just before Christmas, only for him to make something of a miraculous recovery.

"We even arranged for a new shelter to be put up for him to help him keep warm and dry and he had been using that, but it seems old age has caught up with him in the end.

"Percy had become something of a legend here over the years. He will be sadly missed by everyone but very fondly remembered."

The peacock arrived from nearby Park Hall more than two decades ago. He was returned but made his way back almost immediately and it was decided that he could stay.

He had a reputation for his sometimes grumpy demeanour – he once had a mate at the hospital who he eventually chased away, and was also known to have shown his displeasure at moving cars.

Run at castle helps blow away the New Year cobwebs

These runners from the Ellesmere area were well up for the challenge

Runners give a wave and a smile as they take on the challenge. Photos: Jamie Ricketts.

Report by Sue Austin

THEY braved wind, rain and almost freezing temperatures to run or marshal the monthly 10k run around Chirk Castle.

The National Trust fun run was one of many taking place across the region on New Year's Day as people shrugged off the excesses of the night before to start their get fit resolutions for 2017.

More than 150 hardy runners from across Wales, Shropshire and beyond turned out for the run at Chirk Castle. The youngest taking part was just 10 and the oldest in their 60s and 70s. Whole families took part and there were many 'canicross' runners with their dogs.

Sallyann Morris from Ellesmere celebrated her New Year's Day birthday by running the event with friends.

She said: "It is beautiful trail run and very well organised. The weather wasn't the best, but what a great way to start 2017. The marshals are fantastic."

The monthly event was set up by ranger, Carl Green as part of a lin- up between the National Trust and Sport Wales.

"We want to show people that Chirk Castle has much more to offer than the castle itself. We have 500 acres of beautiful parkland for people to enjoy.

"We have some great volunteers who help organise and marshal the monthly event and would always welcome more."

The 10k trail runs are held on the last Sunday of each month at 9am and are free.

In addition there is a beginners's run at 9am every Saturday.

"That is not a set distance. we have two volunteers who give beginners tips and help to start running. We also have Nordic walking in the parkland," Carl said.

Some runners took their dogs with them at the event

And they're off – a bit of rain couldn't stop these runners at Chirk Castle

Funds boost 'will still have little impact'

A SMALL increase in Powys County Council's budget for the next financial year will do little to ease financial pressures, a leading councillor has said.

The transfer of homeless funding to the authority means it has more money in its pot for 2017/18.

But leader, Councillor Wynne Jones, said it would make little difference and still leaves the county bottom of the 22 Welsh authorities when it came to funding.

He has warned of a rise in council tax for the county's residents, with the authority having to cut its budget by at least £22 million over the next three years.

The council received a net increase of £170,000 for 2017/18 when comparing the final local government settlement announced last month, compared with the provisional local government settlement from October.

Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Wynne Jones said: "The net increase is after allowing for a £207,000 Homelessness funding transfer, which was funded by the Department of Work and Pensions and is now funded as part of the local government settlement.

"The change is not significant enough to change what will be a challenging budget and leaves the county council as joint bottom of the funding table for the 22 Welsh local authorities."

Councillor Jones said: "The increase will make little difference amid continuing Government austerity measures which continue to remove funding from public service bodies.

"The council will therefore need to reduce spending by at least £22 million during the coming three financial years, 2017 to 2020."

Consultation on road plans

SHROPSHIRE Council has gone out to consultation over double yellow lines going down on and near junctions on 10 roads around Oswestry town centre, as well as a longer restriction on the road leading to the local health centre and daytime restrictions on Morda Road near The Marches School.

They include no parking restrictions of up to 10 metres at the junction of Welsh Walls and Park Avenue. David Adams, who lives in Park Avenue, said that he felt sorry for those people who lived at that end of Park Avenue.

"As far as I know there have been no problems in Park Avenue and even with parking each side there is room for the big refuse wagons to get through," he said.

Oswestry Councillor John Gareth Jones said he backed the suggested changes, which he believes are "long overdue".

He said: "There are some roads which are very dangerous, for example Welsh Walls is particularly bad, especially for people parking near junctions but also people struggling to even get through because of the amount of cars parked up, obstructing the road."Full details can be viewed at: http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/changes-to-parking-restrictions-on-various-roads-in-oswestry/

Honour for work for community

A STAUNCH member of a rural community has been named in the New Year Honours list.

Councillor Sheila Bruce has been awarded a British Empire Medal for services to the community in Kinnerley.

She said she had been completely surprised by the announcement.

"There are so many people in rural communities that are every bit as deserving of such an award," she said.

Councillor Bruce served as an Oswestry Borough Council member from 1999 until it was dissolved and has been a Kinnerley Parish Councillor since 2002 and a former chairman.

One of the councillor's major interests over the years has been fighting for affordable housing in villages in the countryside. She is a governor at the village primary school, is a committee member of the village hall and is involved in the parish church. She also co-ordinates the area's annual poppy appeal for the Royal British Legion.

Casualty
8.25pm
Dylan becomes the source of gossip after Seb's allegation, but Max and Jez are determined to help him and try to record Seb confessing his guilt. Alicia and Ethan wake up together in blissful happiness, but are forced to face the consequences of their actions. Starring William Beck and Chelsea Halfpenny.

Dad's Army
8.30pm
With the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard now established, Captain Mainwaring sets about trying to get equipment for the platoon so they can see off potential Nazi invaders. Classic comedy first shown in 1968, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. With Clive Dunn and John Laurie.

Ninja Warrior UK
7pm
Competitors from across the nation test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. Those who make it to the end of the adrenaline-fuelled mission face one final task, as they battle it out for the title of Ninja Warrior UK.

Britain's Favourite TV Detectives
7.30pm
Fictional crime-fighters have been a staple of TV schedules for more than half a century, and as the results of the poll count down to reveal the UK's most cherished TV sleuth. Actors and creators of these series discuss the enduring appeal of a good mystery.

NCIS
8pm
The American crime drama returns, as Gibbs fights for his life on board a US Navy hospital ship after being shot. Meanwhile, DiNozzo and Joanna Teague head for Shanghai, where they hope to take down the leaders of the terrorist group known as The Calling. Starring Mark Harmon.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Cookery show presented by Donal Skehan, with guest chefs Ching He Huang and Mark Greenaway, wine expert Olly Smith and Olympic diver Tom Daley.
11.30 **The Best Dishes Ever.** Ainsley Harriott introduces recipes that can be prepared quickly, including Nigel Slater's herb butter squid, James Martin's icebox cake and Mary Berry's chocolate tray bake. (R)
12.00 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the FA Cup third round, as the Premier League and Championship clubs enter the fray, and Manchester United begin the defence of the trophy.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Live Athletics – Great Edinburgh Cross Country.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the annual event from Holyrood Park, where Mo Farah is among those expected to compete.
3.30 **Escape to the Country.** Alistair Appleton visits north-east Wales, where he helps a couple with £550,000 to find a property with space for their business, and also examines local church bells. (R)
4.00 **Final Score.** A round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the third round of the FA Cup and the Football League.
5.20 **BBC News.**
5.30 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
5.40 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Tom Heap, Jo Caulfield, Lutalo Muhammad and Stuart MacBride answer questions on the Godfather films, the history of Edinburgh, boxer Jack Johnson and AA Milne.
6.10 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a Radio 2-themed edition, with contestants including Jo Whiley, Jeremy Vine, Zoe Ball, Michael Ball and Ken Bruce.
7.00 **Let It Shine.** New series. Talent search to find five performers to play the role of a boy band in a new nationwide touring musical, featuring the music of Take That.
8.25 **Casualty.** Dylan becomes the source of gossip after Seb's allegation, while Alicia and Ethan are forced to face the consequences of their actions.
9.15 **Taboo.** New series. Historical drama starring Tom Hardy as adventurer James Delaney, who reappears in London in 1814 after being presumed dead in Africa many years before.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather; **National Lottery Update.**
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights from the third round of the FA Cup, including Manchester United v Reading.
12.00 FILM: **The Double (2011).** A former CIA agent investigates the murder of a senator, which he believes to be the work of an infamous Soviet assassin. Spy thriller, with Richard Gere.
1.35 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.05 **Coast.** The Devon and Cornwall coastlines. (R)
6.50 FILM: **No Minor Vices (1948).** An eccentric artist turns the home of a doctor upside down, wrecking his host's marriage in the process. Domestic comedy, starring Dana Andrews.
8.25 FILM: **Angels One Five (1953).** Second World War adventure, starring Jack Hawkins.
10.00 **Secret Britain.** Exploring one of England's most popular national parks. (R)
11.00 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in East Yorkshire, Kent and Surrey. (R)
12.00 **Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure.** Ken Hom and Ching-He Huang set out on a culinary trek across the country. (R)
1.00 **Child Stars: Talking Pictures.** Profiles of Hollywood stars who found fame at a young age. (R)
1.35 FILM: **Cimarron (1960).** A frontiersman reaps success during a land rush, but is forced to choose between his political ambitions and standing up for his beliefs. Western, with Glenn Ford and Maria Schell.
4.00 **Mastermind.** The last place in the semi-finals is up for grabs. (R)
4.30 **University Challenge.** The second round continues. (R)
5.00 **Only Connect.** The Genealogists take on the Oscar Men in the second round. (R)
5.30 **The World's Most Extraordinary Homes.** Unusual homes built in mountainous regions of the world. (R)
6.30 **Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise.** Exploring the wildlife and culture of the Southeast Asian nation. The first episode examines the south of the country and the role of spirituality in daily life. (R)
7.30 **Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney.** Neil Oliver, Chris Packham, Andy Torbet and Shini Somara investigate recent archaeological finds on Orkney indicating it was the cultural capital of Stone Age Britain. (R)
8.30 **Dad's Army.** With the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard now established, Captain Mainwaring sets about trying to get equipment for the platoon. (R)
9.00 **Bowie: The Last Five Years.** A portrait of David Bowie, told by his friends and artistic collaborators, and a detailed look at his last albums The Next Day and Blackstar, and his play Lazarus.
10.30 FILM: **The Man Who Fell to Earth (1976).** An alien comes to Earth hoping to find a way to save his own world, but is seduced by the sensations of human life. Nicolas Roeg's sci-fi drama, starring David Bowie and Rip Torn.
12.45 FILM: **Walkabout (1971).** An orphaned sister and brother stranded in the Outback are led across the wilderness by an Aborigine boy. Nicolas Roeg's drama, with Jenny Agutter, Lucien John and David Gulpilil.
2.20 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

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7.35 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** The hapless buffoon heads out on a camping trip. (R)
7.55 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** Bubbles fights the villainous Pack Rat. (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School.** New series. Children are taught to survive in the wild.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** A mysterious tunnelling vehicle leaves a worker trapped in its wake.
10.00 **Rebound.** Quiz, hosted by Sean Fletcher. (R)
11.00 **Guess This House.** Property game show, hosted by Saira Khan. (R)
12.00 **Bargain Shop Wars.** Behind the scenes of discount fashion retailer Pep&Co. (R)
12.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.30 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
1.35 FILM: **Kindergarten Cop (1990).** Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.
3.40 **Morecambe and Wise's Funniest Moments.** A countdown of the duo's 20 greatest moments. (R)
5.35 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **You've Been Framed! Unchained!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents.
7.00 **Ninja Warrior UK.** Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara.
8.00 **The Voice UK.** New series. The singing contest returns with new coaches Jennifer Hudson and Gavin Rossdale joining Will.i.am and Tom Jones – and as usual, things kick off with the blind auditions.
9.35 **Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon visits mystery celebrity homes and challenges this week's panel – Fearne Cotton, Will Mellor and Judge Rinder – to guess the identities of the famous owners.
10.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.45 FILM: **Jaws: The Revenge (1987).** The remaining members of the Brody family are terrorised by a bloodthirsty great white shark in the Bahamas. Thriller sequel, starring Michael Caine, Lorraine Gary and Lance Guest.
12.25 **Jackpot247.**
3.00 **Who's Doing the Dishes?** (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.15 **The King of Queens.** Arthur vows to spruce up his festive decorations. (R)
6.40 **The King of Queens.** Doug discovers his cousin is getting married. (R)
7.00 **The King of Queens.** Doug plans a football reunion. (R)
7.25 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Amy is accused of talking too much. (R)
7.50 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray rejects Debra's advances. (R)
8.20 **Frasier.** Martin buys Frasier an expensive gift. (R)
8.50 **Frasier.** Martin's girlfriend causes ructions. (R)
9.20 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Penny argue about money. (R)
9.50 **The Big Bang Theory.** Guest starring Billy Bob Thornton. (R)
10.15 **The Simpsons.** Mr Burns brands Homer insane. (R)
10.45 **The Simpsons.** Lisa wins a trip to Washington. (R)
11.15 **The Simpsons.** Ned Flanders opens a shop. (R)
11.45 **A New Life in the Sun.** The end of the season approaches. (R)
12.45 **Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships.** The opening day of the BDO World Championships.
5.30 **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorcycle racer competes in the Nevada Open Road Challenge. (R)
7.00 **Channel 4 News.**
7.30 **Britain's Favourite TV Detectives.** Documentary charting Britain's half-century love affair with TV detectives, making use of a YouGov poll to reveal which on-screen sleuth has become the nation's favourite.
9.00 FILM: **Ride Along (2014).** Premiere. A tough cop takes his sister's boyfriend with him on duty, leading to a dangerous encounter with the city's most wanted criminal. Comedy, starring Ice Cube and Kevin Hart.
10.55 FILM: **The Mechanic (2011).** A solitary hitman teaches his murdered mentor's son the tricks of the trade so they can join forces to seek vengeance. Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham.
12.45 **Derren Brown: Infamous.** The illusionist's sell-out stage show recorded at the Grand Theatre in Leeds, featuring traditional magic, mind-reading, memory games and thought-provoking entertainment. (R)
2.15 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Ryan tells Mercedes that he is being blackmailed over their night together, and Tom is guilt-ridden when he hears about Sally's money troubles since Jude's scam.
4.20 **Shipping Wars UK.** Stu and Jemma win a contract to transport a 20ft sailing boat worth £4,000 from Cornwall to North Yorkshire, while Laurie sets off on the final leg of her Gruffalo run. (R)
5.05 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)
5.20 **The Restoration Man.** George Clarke catches up with Dave and Margaret Hedley, who battled through flooding and serious illness to restore an abandoned water mill in Northumberland. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.10** Peppa Pig **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.40** Wanda and the Alien **6.50** Zack and Quack **7.00** Seaside Antics **7.10** Fireman Sam **7.20** Pip Ahoy! **7.30** Little Princess **7.45** Paw Patrol **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.25** Noddy in Toyland **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.55** Shimmer and Shine **9.25** Peppa Pig **9.35** Peppa Pig **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.55 **The Fairly OddParents.** (R)
10.30 **The Hotel Inspector.** (R)
11.25 **The Hotel Inspector.** (R)
12.25 **The Hotel Inspector.** A floundering hotel in Bakewell, Derbyshire. (R)
1.20 **The Hotel Inspector.** A hotel heading for bankruptcy in South Yorkshire. (R)
2.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Two agents face a heartbreaking house repossession in Merseyside. (R)
3.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** An agent is assaulted in a doorstep confrontation. (R)
4.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** A dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to leave. (R)
5.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Two agents take on an eviction that is full of surprises. (R)
6.15 **NCIS: Los Angeles.** New series. The agents search for Hetty in Romania and stake out the Comescu beach house, hoping to confirm she is alive. Real-time episode, starring Chris O'Donnell.
7.05 **NCIS: Los Angeles.** The CEO of a software company linked to a cyber-attack against the Department of Defence is kidnapped, and Callen continues to research his past.
8.00 **NCIS.** New series. The American crime drama returns as Gibbs fights for his life after being shot, while DiNozzo and Joanna Teague track the leaders of The Calling to Shanghai.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.
10.00 FILM: **Sex Tape (2014).** Premiere. A couple try to spice up their marriage by filming themselves having sex, but then have to stop anyone from seeing the footage. Comedy, with Cameron Diaz and Jason Segel. Including 5 News Update at 11pm.
11.50 **Lip Sync Battle UK: Danny Dyer vs Craig Revel Horwood.** Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as actor Danny Dyer and dancer Craig Revel Horwood go head to head lip-synching to a hit song. (R)
12.15 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **Celebrity Big Brother.** (R)
4.00 **World's Strongest Man 2016.** (R)
4.50 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.15 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

Still Open All Hours

8.30pm

Eric, Cyril and Mr Newbold try to prove they have it in them to be exciting men of action. Granville tries to shift a consignment of mints that are past their sell by date with unexpected results, and finds himself once more trying to escape the grim prospect of becoming Mrs Featherstone's fourth husband.

Dragons' Den

8pm

Evan Davis presents the business ideas contest, with panellists Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins examining the profit-making potential of inflatable igloos, a restaurant serving meat-free hot dogs, and a new kind of pooper-scooper.

Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera

5.30pm

Alastair Stewart presents a selection of extraordinary eyewitness footage filmed by members of the public, featuring a wedding that was ruined by a sandstorm, the rescue of a fox cub from a drain and cyclists being chased by an ostrich.

The Big Fat Quiz of Everything

11.20pm

Jimmy Carr challenges Jonathan Ross, David Walliams, Katherine Ryan, Aisling Bea, Noel Fielding and Richard Ayoade to answer questions everything from the last 100,000 years of human history. Jimmy is ably assisted by Jon Snow, Mitchell Brook Primary School and Joey Essex.

The BAFTA Britannia Awards 2016

11.05pm

Coverage of the movie awards ceremony, with Jodie Foster, Ricky Gervais, Ang Lee, Samuel L. Jackson, Felicity Jones and Ewan McGregor among those receiving honours recognising their contributions to cinema in the UK and overseas.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.30 **MOTD: FA Cup Highlights.** Gary Lineker presents highlights from the third round, including Manchester United v Reading, Everton v Leicester City and Sutton United v AFC Wimbledon. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.** Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions on topical issues.
11.00 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Developers Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore a historic building in Derby, a cottage in Faversham, Kent, and a two-bedroom flat in Durham. (R)
12.00 **Bargain Hunt.** Charles Hanson and Anita Manning help two teams search for potentially profitable antiques on London's Portobello Road, and Tim Wonnacott visits Fenton House in Hampstead. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Songs of Praise.** People whose faith has helped them to cope with debt.
1.50 **Escape to the Country.** Searching for a rural property in north Devon. (R)
2.35 **Life in the Snow.** Gordon Buchanan goes in search of animals that live in snowy conditions and have adapted to survive in cold weather, including polar bears, penguins, owls, wolverines and reindeer. (R)
3.35 **Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup.** Tottenham Hotspur v Aston Villa (Kick-off 4.00pm). Gary Lineker presents all the action from the third-round tie at White Hart Lane.
6.05 **BBC News.**
6.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.30 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker examines how the Shropshire landscape has been shaped by the history of mining, and Anita Rani visits a camping site that has been set up in a scrap yard. Including weather for the week ahead.
7.30 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents a second visit to Tewkesbury Abbey in Gloucestershire, where the experts examine a picture of Chairman Mao by Andy Warhol and a rare 18th-century silk dress.
8.30 **Still Open All Hours.** Eric, Cyril and Mr Newbold try to prove they have it in them to be exciting, while Granville tries to shift a consignment of mints that are past their sell by date.
9.00 **Sherlock.** The detective faces a powerful new enemy who is seemingly unassailable, but who is concealing a terrible secret. Toby Jones guest stars as the villainous Culverton Smith.
10.30 **BBC News.**
10.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
11.00 **MOTD: FA Cup Highlights.** A review of the latest third-round matches, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Aston Villa.
12.05 **The Celebrity Apprentice USA.** New series. Celebrities featured in past series return to tackle a series of tasks set by billionaire businessman Donald Trump in a bid to secure charity funding.
1.30 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.35 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.10 **A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter U. (R)
6.55 **Big Dreams Small Spaces.** Monty Don advises a couple on how to handle their neglected garden. (R)
7.55 **An Island Parish.** The residents of Sark prepare for Christmas. (R)
8.25 **The Edible Garden.** Growing fruit and vegetables in the garden. (R)
8.55 **Countryfile.** Anita Rani visits Malham Cove in the Yorkshire Dales. (R)
9.55 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** With John Torode.
11.25 **The Good Cook.** Dishes include classic chicken, Parmesan biscuits, pear salad and rice pudding. (R)
11.55 **Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food.** Family dishes inspired by classic British pub fare. (R)
12.25 **Richard Harris: Talking Pictures.** A retrospective look at TV appearances made by actor Richard Harris. (R)
1.00 FILM: **Cromwell (1970).** Historical drama, starring Richard Harris and Alec Guinness.
3.15 **Flog It!** From Dorchester, Dorset. (R)
4.15 **Life in Polar Bear Town with Gordon Buchanan.** Life in the Canadian town that has come to be known as the "polar bear capital of the world". (R)
5.15 **Yellowstone: The Wildest Winter.** Cameras follow the changing seasons at Yellowstone during 2016. (R)
6.15 **Ski Sunday.** Action from the World Cup men's slalom at Adelboden in Switzerland. Plus, a tour of the United Kingdom's dry slopes with Olympic snowboarder Jamie Nicholls.
7.00 **School Swap: Korea Style.** Part one of two. Three teenagers swap life in Pembrokeshire to go to school in South Korea, which boasts one of the best and toughest education systems in the world.
8.00 **Dragons' Den.** The panel casts judgment over the profit-making potential of inflatable igloos, a restaurant serving meat-free hot dogs, and a new kind of pooper-scooper. Presented by Evan Davis.
9.00 **Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise.** Exploring the forests, plains and cities of Central Thailand, and revealing how the nation's people find spiritual fulfillment in their relationships with animals.
10.00 FILM: **A Most Violent Year (2014).** Premiere. An immigrant living in New York in 1981 struggles to keep his business going against an unrelenting rise in violent crime. Thriller, with Oscar Isaac and Jessica Chastain.
12.00 **QI XL.**
12.45 **Countryfile.** Anita Rani visits Malham Cove in the Yorkshire Dales, where she climbs a cliff face and meets an artist pursuing a family tradition. (R)
1.45 **Holby City.** When Mo uncovers a secret, Mr T and Inga's Swedish-style wedding takes a dark turn, while Serena, Elinor and Jason are involved in a car accident. (R)
2.40 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

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7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** The inimitable Bean tracks down Teddy's kidnappers. (R)
7.55 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** Power goes to the naughty youngster's head. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** The Mayor of Townsville hires Bianca Bikini as his new assistant. (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.** A mysterious tunnelling vehicle leaves a worker trapped in its wake.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** The King of Ooo tricks Sweet P into helping him commit crimes. (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 FILM: **Carry On Up the Jungle (1970).** Comedy, starring Sid James.
11.15 **Chopping Block.** It is a day of British dishes, and Atul and Bharat try devilled kidneys. (R)
12.15 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.25 **Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
1.25 **Ninja Warrior UK.** Obstacle-course challenge, with Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. (R)
2.30 **The Voice UK.** The spinning-chair singing contest returns. (R)
4.00 **The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street vs Emmerdale.** Stephen Mulhern hosts a quiz between stars from the soaps. (R)
5.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
5.30 **Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera.** A wedding that was ruined by a sandstorm.
6.30 **Dance Dance Dance.** New series. Alesha Dixon and Will Best host a dance contest in which celebrities recreate famous routines from movies and music videos to impress a panel of expert judges.
8.00 **Endeavour.** New series. The detective throws himself into his work following his recent loss, and investigates the suspicious death of a scientist from a team working on an early computer.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.15 **Robson Crusoe: A Surprising Adventure.** Inspired by Daniel Defoe's classic novel Robinson Crusoe, cameras follow actor and presenter Robson Green as he fends for himself on a desert island in the South China Sea. (R)
11.10 **Premiership Rugby Union.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present highlights from the English top flight, including Wasps v Leicester Tigers, Harlequins v Sale Sharks and Newcastle Falcons v Bath.
12.05 **Jackpot247.** Interactive gaming.
3.00 **Chopping Block.** (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

Channel 4

6.15 **The King of Queens.** Arthur becomes Doug's neighbour. (R)
6.40 **The King of Queens.** Carrie keeps cheating at games. (R)
7.05 **The King of Queens.** Donny Osmond guest stars. (R)
7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert discovers that Pat smokes. (R)
7.55 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Last-ever episode. Ray has a brush with death. (R)
8.25 **Frasier.** A childhood prank returns to haunt Frasier. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** The shrink confronts his neighbours. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Nick Helm and Kelly Hoppen.
12.30 **Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships.** The second day of the BDO World Championships.
5.30 **Find It, Fix It, Flog It.** Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien assess items including a clay pigeon trap. (R)
6.15 **Channel 4 News.**
6.30 **Britain's Wildest Weather 2016.** Footage of unusual weather conditions recorded in Britain during 2016, including floods, super-storms, tornadoes and lightning strikes, and examining the reasons for them. (R)
8.00 **Walking the Americas.** New series. Levison Wood goes on a trek across Central America. The journey begins on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, where he explores the remains of the Mayan Civilisation.
9.00 FILM: **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 (2014).** Premiere. Katniss Everdeen becomes the figurehead of a revolution against the despotic Panem regime. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Philip Seymour Hoffman.
11.20 **The Big Fat Quiz of Everything.** Jonathan Ross, David Walliams, Katherine Ryan, Aisling Bea, Noel Fielding and Richard Ayoade answer Jimmy Carr's questions on the past 100,000 years of human history. (R)
1.25 **How to Lose Weight Well.** Dr Xand van Tulleken and dietician Hala El-Shafie help six dieters attempt the most hyped and written about diets on the market today. (R)
2.25 **The Secret Life of 4 Year Olds.** Documentary exploring the social interactions of children aged four to six. (R)
3.15 **The Autistic Gardener.** Designer Alan Gardner assembles a team of fellow autistic horticultural enthusiasts to tackle unruly gardens, beginning with Ben and Rebecca's overgrown wilderness. (R)
4.10 **Shipping Wars UK.** Transporter Shahbaz wins the auction to move a £15,000 art collection. (R)
4.50 **Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.** (R)
5.05 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help solve two very different problems in Sussex – a first-time buyer looking for a period flat, and a couple who want a property they can renovate. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.10** Peppa Pig **6.15** Bob the Builder **6.25** Wanda and the Alien **6.35** Zack and Quack **6.50** Seaside Antics **6.55** Fireman Sam **7.10** Pip Ahoy! **7.30** Little Princess
7.45 **Big Bash Cricket Live.** Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder. Live coverage of the round-robin match in the Australian domestic Twenty20 league, staged at Blundstone Arena.
11.30 **Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3.** Compilation of internet videos featuring cats doing bizarre things. (R)
12.30 FILM: **Holy Man (1998).** Satirical comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.
2.35 FILM: **The Kid (2000).** Disney comedy, starring Bruce Willis.
4.35 FILM: **Legally Blonde (2001).** Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon.
6.25 FILM: **Along Came Polly (2004).** An obsessive man's orderly routine is thrown into disarray when a wildly spontaneous old friend walks back into his life. Romantic comedy, with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. Edited for language and sexual content.
8.00 **Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Internet videos featuring kittens doing bizarre and humorous things.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.
10.00 **Celebrity Botched Up Bodies.** Leading surgeons repair household names damaged by cosmetic surgery.
11.05 **The BAFTA Britannia Awards 2016.** Coverage of the movie awards ceremony, with Jodie Foster, Ricky Gervais, Ang Lee, Samuel L. Jackson, Felicity Jones and Ewan McGregor among those receiving honours.
1.00 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **A New Life in Oz.** Documentary following British families emigrating to Australia. A Northamptonshire man who went backpacking in the country in his youth now hopes to live there. (R)
4.00 **Now That's Funny!** A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring people who crash weddings, sporting fails and flops, and science experiments. (R)
4.50 **Divine Designs.** Paul Binski visits Chalgrove parish church in Oxfordshire and Ranworth in Norfolk to examine pre-Reformation wall paintings. (R)
5.15 **Divine Designs.** Dr Paul Binski examines religious architecture during the 16th and 17th centuries, comparing the chapel at King's College, Cambridge, with post-Reformation churches. (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** Marsha overhears the others say she is too bossy and decides to leave Silver Hatch. (R)

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One of top safest cars now even safer

By Graham Breeze

The Subaru Levorg may be identified as a bit of an enigma in motoring circles but it's a car that really can see where it's going.

Because one of the safest cars on our roads just got even safer thanks to the addition of EyeSight – Subaru's advanced collision avoidance technology – and has become the company's fifth model to score NCAP's prestigious five-star rating.

The Levorg Sports Tourer picked up the enigma label after Subaru revealed it would only be available in the UK as a 1.6 GT Lineotronic automatic diesel, instantly limiting the sales potential.

But Subaru has always attracted the motorist interested in the best of both worlds, those demanding brilliant off-road abilities with high levels of safety thrown in. The Levorg answers all those demands and the brilliant Eyesight system takes things even further.

EyeSight features six technologies to maximise safety: Pre-collision braking, pre-collision throttle management, adaptive cruise control, lane departure and sway warning, pre-collision steering assist, and lead vehicle start alert.

While systems from other manufacturers use various sensor technologies such as camera and radar or microwaves, EyeSight functions purely optically with two camera lenses to the left and right of the rear-view mirror that together create a stereoscopic image.

Pre-Collision braking can also reliably capture pedestrians in dark clothing in un-lit areas and when needed initiate emergency braking. Up to a speed of 28mph accidents can be completely avoided and the severity significantly reduced at higher speeds.

And it really does work. I put the system to the test in a controlled indoor situation and soon discovered the benefits and the reasons why Subaru bosses claim the system has already resulted in a drop of 61 per cent of collisions when tested in Japan.

To add to the safety package the Levorg also gets Subaru Rear Vehicle Detection' system (SRVD) which alerts drivers to vehicles which are crossing behind. The package combines three technologies: Blind Spot Detection, Lane Change Assist and Rear Cross Traffic Alert, which detects vehicles passing behind when reversing out of a parking space.

Equipped

The 1.6 GT Lineartronic is priced at £27,495 and comes equipped with a 1.6 litre DIT (Direct Injection Turbo) Boxer engine, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2016, and produces 170PS and 250Nm of torque. The engine is paired to a Lineartronic CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission).

Levorg is also fitted with Subaru's symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system; the only estate car with All-Wheel Drive as a standard feature at under £30,000.

Standard features include Subaru Starlink; a 7.0-inch touchscreen infotainment, connectivity and navigation system, Subaru Intelligent Drive which allows the driver to choose between Intelligent mode and Sport mode to suit their mood or surroundings. Leather seats and trim, metallic paint, privacy glass and a rear parking camera.

SUBARU LEVORG, 1.6 GT LINE, £27,495

The Subaru Levorg will attract the rural driver looking for a vehicle that works well in all conditions

Levorg is based on the old Legacy platform and will surely attract the rural driver looking for a vehicle that works in all condition and surfaces but it lacks the ground clearance of the rest of the Subaru range so will be more at home on the school run than across the field.

Inside there's more than enough space for five with leg room to spare and a splendid flat boot area with folding seats to see volumes increase from 522 to 944 litres – enormous and easy to handle thanks to one-touch electronic buttons.

As usual Subaru offer only a functional dashboard which I found quite refreshing after the often, mind-blowing technological developments on offer on today's modern car. Effective and easy to find were some of the comments passed by passengers.

Handling is as impressive as you would expect from a Subaru but this model lacks the performance to match. There's a distinct lack of punch and limited torque and you really do have to work the engine hard to get up to speed. There's a claimed top speed of 130mph and 0-62mph in 8.9seconds producing 39.8mpg on the combined cycle. Emissions are high at 164g/km which means the Levorg sits in VED Band G.

You just can't help feeling Subaru are missing a big trick in the UK by limiting availability to just one 1.6 Automatic offering. Time will tell.

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Car is still near top of shopping list

By Ian Donaldson

MAZDA3 FROM £17,595

YOU can't knock Mazda for its honesty. Lined up side by side were the latest version of the company's midrange hatch and the model it replaces.

And both editions of the Mazda3 looked all but identical to the untrained eye. To the trained eye too, come to that.

And Mazda agrees, siting 'minor tweaks' on the outside, amounting to little more than a different radiator grille and lights at the front and a bit more body coloured panelling round the back, instead of plainer black plastic.

Inside, the changes run a little deeper, with smarter plastics on dash and doors. An electric parking brake replaces the older manual lever – but nobody uses either these days, do they?

All versions of the new Mazda3 – available with two diesel and two petrol engines and in two body styles, Hatchback and (booted saloon) Fastback – are now quieter than before, thanks to added sound deadening and reduced knocking noises from cold or at low speed from the diesels.

Dig deeper and you discover Mazda has been clever with the electronics, devising something called G-Vectoring Control, which minutely varies the power going to the front, driven wheels to keep the car tracking straighter, to the benefit of both feel at the wheel and passenger head-nodding comfort.

Without an older car to try on the same bits of Scottish blacktop chosen for the car's press launch, it was of course impossible to know how well this clever tech works. Ditto, how much quieter the newer model has become.

Happily, that is no real problem. The Mazda3 in its old guise was one of the best cars in its class, bringing the fight to the likes of the Ford Focus and VW Golf.

Smarter plastics on dash and doors

And it still is, with a continuing winning combination of good looks, decent performance allied to sometimes outstanding economy and a lot of kit for your money.

Talking of which, the new car costs £200 more than before, which will make almost no impact on your monthly payments.

The vast majority of Mazda3s are sold as hatchbacks, which cost the same as their saloon siblings but are considered a mite more practical thanks to the big rear hatch, opening to reveal a sensibly sized boot beneath.

Most of them will have petrol engines because most of this line of Mazdas are sold to private buyers, who don't reckon the £1,500 price hike to a diesel is worth it for the extra economy when they're not doing business user mileages.

Prices of the new range start at £17,595 for a 2.0 litre SKYACTIV-G petrol SE Nav, which rather confusingly comes without satellite navigation, available for £600. It does come with 16ins alloy wheels, manual air conditioning, DAB radio, electric windows all round and heated and power folding door mirrors.

There have been minor tweaks on the outside of the new Mazda3

Move to SEL-Nav, from £19,695, and you add parking sensors, heated front seats, cruise control, climate control and city brake support that brakes for you if you're not concentrating and can stop the car before it hits something.

Top of the Mazda3 tree is the Sport Nav line, from £20,645, which brings 18ins alloys, LED headlights, digital speedometer, keyless entry and a Bose nine speaker sound system.

The two 2.0 litre petrol engines produce 120 or 150 horsepower, with the diesels, of 1.5 or 2.2 litres managing 105 and 150 horsepower respectively.

Automatic transmission is available on some petrol and diesel models for £1,200.

Trying the likely biggest seller, a hatchback 120hp petrol version revealed a car that feels as nimble on its pins as something from a smaller class of car and which tackled Scotland's bonny braes with something close to enthusiasm, helped along by a forgiving ride and gearchange that might have been lifted from the MX-5 sports car.

This gentle reworking of Mazda's mid-ranger keeps the car near the head of anyone's shopping list.

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Toyota's Hilux is the hero in fleet awards

Hilux has more than 18 million worldwide sales

There is still no stopping the Toyota Hilux, which has just loaded up and driven off with the Best Pick-up title in Fleet News's Commercial Fleet Awards.

The mighty machine, now in its eighth generation and with more than 18 million worldwide sales to its credit, proved it offers the best all-round combination of quality, durability and workhorse capability with comfort, safety and driver-appeal.

Launched in 2016, the latest evolution of Hilux benefits from a stronger chassis, reinforced load deck, greater towing capacity and improved all-wheel drive performance. At the same time, it offers from a more spacious and comfortable cabin, higher equipment levels, contemporary design and the availability of Toyota Safety Sense advanced active safety systems.

In making the award to Hilux, the judges remarked: "As smooth on the road as is it capable off it, the Hilux comes with high driver appeal wrapped in a workhorse body.

"It's a genuine 4×4 which is loaded with safety and comes with a full range of cabs. The Hilux has stood the test of time and Toyota also finds a way to come back with improvements – it's done it again with this latest model."

Neil Broad, general manager Toyota and Lexus Fleet Services, said: "The Commercial Fleet Award is significant, because it shows how the investment we have made in improving Hilux has hit the target with fleet customers.

"The new Hilux has kept all the core virtues that have made it a by-word for exceptional toughness while at the same time keeping pace with the fleet market's requirements for lasting quality, reliability, competitive operating costs and delivering the kind of safety, equipment and comfort drivers demand and deserve."

How they stand

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Bolton Wdrs	25	15	5	5	34	17	50
S'thorpe Utd	25	14	7	4	48	23	49
Rochdale	25	14	3	8	40	30	45
Bradford City	25	10	12	3	31	21	42
Fleetwood	25	11	7	7	36	28	40
Southend Utd	25	10	9	6	35	29	39
P'borough Utd	24	10	8	6	38	26	38
Millwall	25	11	5	9	41	39	38
Bristol Rovers	25	10	6	9	40	44	36
Charlton Ath	25	8	11	6	33	26	35
Oxford Utd	25	9	7	9	29	28	34
Wimbledon	25	8	9	8	36	32	33
Walsall	25	7	10	8	26	33	31
Port Vale	25	8	7	10	27	37	31
Northampton	25	8	6	11	35	36	30
Gillingham	25	8	6	11	32	40	30
MK Dons	25	7	7	11	29	34	28
Swindon	25	6	7	12	24	38	25
Bury	25	6	4	15	34	49	22
Chesterfield	25	6	4	15	27	43	22
Coventry City	25	4	9	12	23	37	21
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Vanarama National

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Lincoln City	26	17	4	5	55	26	55
Tranmere Rvrs	27	16	5	6	38	22	53
Forest Grn Rvrs	26	14	7	5	51	31	49
Dagenham & R	27	15	4	8	43	31	49
Dover Ath	26	15	3	8	55	39	48
Barrow	25	12	10	3	41	24	46
Aldershot	27	12	6	9	34	27	42
Macclesfield	25	12	4	9	36	26	40
Gateshead	27	10	9	8	43	29	39
Chester	27	10	9	8	42	33	39
Eastleigh	26	10	9	7	40	33	39
Boreham Wd	27	10	8	9	29	25	38
Bromley	27	11	5	11	34	36	38
Sutton Utd	26	10	5	11	30	34	35
Solihull Moors	26	9	6	11	38	43	33
Wrexham	27	8	8	11	24	35	32
Torquay Utd	26	8	6	12	30	37	30
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Nth Ferriby Utd	27	7	3	17	14	38	24
Guiseley	27	5	7	15	30	44	22
York City	27	4	9	14	23	44	21

Vanarama National North

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AFC Fylde	23	16	5	2	69	31	53
Kidderminster	23	14	5	4	43	19	47
Chorley	23	12	8	3	34	18	44
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Alfreton	22	7	4	11	46	56	25
Worcester City	22	6	6	10	32	34	24
Telford Utd	23	5	8	10	21	27	23
Gainsborough	23	5	6	12	31	48	21
Bradford PA	24	5	4	15	24	51	19
S'bridge Celtic	23	3	1	19	20	57	10
Altrincham	22	1	5	16	21	56	8

Evo-Stik League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rushall Oly	26	15	4	7	42	29	49
Whitby	26	14	5	7	33	26	47
Buxton	26	13	7	6	42	24	46
Blyth Spartans	23	13	5	5	44	23	44
Matlock	23	13	4	6	34	24	43
Spennymoor	24	12	6	6	48	28	42
Grantham	28	12	5	11	47	35	41
Hednesford	25	12	4	9	43	30	40
Stourbridge	23	11	7	5	35	25	40
Workington	26	12	3	11	37	39	39
Barwell	27	10	8	9	31	28	38
Nantwich	22	11	4	7	43	30	37
M'over Sports	25	12	1	12	41	32	37
Warrington	25	11	3	11	39	35	36
Ashton Utd	26	9	8	9	45	46	35
Coalville	25	10	3	12	45	46	33
Stafford Rgrs	22	8	8	6	35	31	32
Marine	23	8	6	9	31	36	30
Halesowen	23	7	7	9	23	38	28
Frickley Ath	26	7	2	17	28	57	23
Sutton C'field	27	4	8	15	25	52	20
Ilkeston	23	5	3	15	20	45	18
S'dale Utd	24	3	7	14	24	50	16
Corby	26	3	6	17	20	46	15

Evo-Stik League
Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Spalding Utd	23	14	4	5	44	24	46
Shaw Lane AFC	19	13	5	1	44	13	44
Newcastle	22	13	2	7	36	28	41
Leek	23	11	7	5	37	32	40
Rushden & D	21	10	9	2	36	23	39
Sheffield	25	10	6	9	42	35	36
Basford Utd	23	11	6	6	34	33	36
Romulus	24	10	4	10	38	41	34
Witton Albion	15	10	3	2	36	13	33
Belper	23	8	9	6	30	25	33
Chase	23	9	5	9	35	37	32
S'bridge PS	21	9	4	8	31	29	31
Bedworth Utd	23	9	4	10	42	43	31
Lincoln Utd	19	8	5	6	27	22	29
Gresley	25	7	8	10	39	52	29
Kidsgrove Ath	24	8	4	12	40	39	28
Stamford	22	7	5	10	33	41	26
Northwich Vic	24	5	8	11	35	42	23
Market Drayton	24	7	2	15	30	48	23
Carlton	23	5	6	12	27	35	21
Rugby	24	4	3	17	22	43	15
L'borough Dyn	26	4	3	19	22	62	15

Hallmark Security Football League
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitchurch A	26	18	3	5	59	26	57
Charnock R	23	17	2	4	68	30	53
City Liverpool	26	16	4	6	71	31	52
L'lnd REMYCA	24	14	6	4	64	42	48
Alsager	23	14	4	5	58	29	46
Sandbach Utd	23	14	3	6	51	30	45
Prestwich H	21	12	2	7	55	27	38
Widnes	20	11	4	5	47	35	37
FC Oswestry	25	11	4	10	45	50	37
Carlisle City	23	10	3	10	46	48	33
Stockport	24	10	3	11	58	65	33
St Helens	24	9	5	10	51	53	32
Daisy Hill	22	9	3	10	49	55	30
Chadderton	20	8	5	7	43	43	29
Cheadle	25	8	5	12	49	61	29
Silsden	21	9	1	11	48	43	28
Holker OB	22	8	4	10	37	45	28
Bacup Boro	24	6	4	14	27	46	22
Blackpool	25	4	6	15	29	61	18
Atherton LR	25	5	3	17	28	63	18
Eccleshall	23	2	3	18	32	83	9
Ashton	21	1	1	19	19	68	4

Midland Football League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Alvechurch	26	17	5	4	60	20	56
Lye	24	15	7	2	50	21	52
Coleshill	24	14	3	7	59	36	45
Westfields	21	13	5	3	55	31	44
Sptg Khalsa	22	12	4	6	46	28	40
Coventry Utd	24	11	4	9	36	29	37
Heanor	23	10	7	6	41	36	37
St Andrews	25	12	1	12	53	53	37
Walsall Wood	24	11	2	11	35	39	35
Cov Sphinx	25	9	6	10	47	51	33
L'boro Unity	25	8	8	9	47	41	32
Quorn	24	9	4	11	30	44	31
Rocester	23	8	6	9	42	47	30
Highgate Utd	23	9	3	11	41	47	30
Shepshed Dyn	21	8	5	8	35	33	29
Shawbury Utd	26	9	1	16	49	63	28
Lng Eaton Utd	22	7	6	9	39	45	27
AFC Wulfs	23	7	3	13	26	47	24
S'port Swifts	23	5	7	11	34	45	22
Boldmere	22	5	6	11	31	39	21
Brocton	23	5	3	15	27	61	18
Tividale	23	5	2	16	30	57	17

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
B'grove Sptg	19	14	5	0	62	15	47
Leicester Road	19	14	2	3	59	19	44
Atherstone	21	13	4	4	53	31	43
Hinckley AFC	18	13	3	2	70	23	42
RC Warwick	21	12	5	4	60	34	41
Lichfield City	19	12	2	5	35	21	38
Littleton	21	11	2	8	41	35	35
Heather St J	20	10	3	7	47	37	33
Cadbury Ath	21	7	11	3	40	27	32
Bolehall Swifts	20	10	1	9	45	49	31
Coventry C'wd	21	8	4	9	46	47	28
Nuneaton Griff	21	8	3	10	37	43	27
Uttoxeter	20	8	2	10	33	50	26
Heath Hayes	19	6	3	10	36	38	21
Chelmsley	21	6	3	12	39	42	21
Pershore	19	5	2	12	23	46	17
Pelsall Villa	22	4	5	13	30	56	17
Stafford	20	2	6	12	30	45	12
Studley	23	3	3	17	32	74	12
Southam Utd	19	0	3	16	8	94	3

West Midlands League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Haughmond	23	20	1	2	80	22	61
W'Ton Spt Com	23	16	6	1	75	20	54
Malvern	22	13	3	6	71	33	42
Wellington	23	13	3	7	57	40	42
Ellesmere Rgrs.	21	13	2	6	58	37	41
W'Ton Casuals	21	13	1	7	65	39	40
Bewdley	20	11	4	5	56	42	37
BC Rangers	24	10	6	8	52	41	36
Cradley	23	10	4	9	48	35	34
Shifnal	23	9	6	8	51	45	33
Pegasus Jnrs	22	11	0	11	46	42	33
Stone OA	25	8	8	9	38	43	32
Willenhall	28	10	2	16	51	80	32
Bridgnorth	25	9	4	12	44	58	31
Smethwick	26	10	1	15	35	65	31
Bilston Com	23	7	5	11	40	56	26
Dudley	25	7	3	15	39	64	24
Well'ton Ams	25	6	2	17	41	87	20
Dudley Sports	22	5	3	14	32	57	18
Gornal Ath	22	0	0	22	10	83	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hereford LC	18	17	0	1	79	19	51
Newport	21	13	4	4	71	40	43
Wednesfield	19	13	2	4	71	29	41
Tipton	18	10	4	4	37	28	34
Worcs Raiders	15	10	3	2	49	28	33
Old Wulfs	19	9	3	7	48	42	30
Darlaston	16	8	4	4	37	25	28
Wyrley	20	7	5	8	28	45	26
Bustleholme	18	6	1	11	41	55	19
Bromyard	18	5	2	11	35	48	17
Wrens Nest	15	5	2	8	23	39	17
Wem	21	4	4	13	36	62	16
FC Stafford	16	4	3	9	39	59	12
Team Dudley	17	3	3	11	27	47	12
Kington	17	3	3	11	28	49	12
St Martins	16	3	1	12	27	61	10

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telford Juniors	17	10	3	4	57	28	33
West Brom Utd	17	10	3	4	43	18	33
Allscott	16	10	4	2	43	22	31
AFC Broseley	15	8	2	5	29	31	26
W'Ton Utd	16	8	0	8	39	47	24
Gornal Colts	14	7	2	5	29	23	23
Malvern Res	17	7	2	8	32	41	23
Warstone Wdrs	14	6	3	5	33	29	21
Wonder Vaults	14	6	2	6	28	33	20
Sikh Hunters	16	5	4	7	39	47	19
Tipton Yth AFC	17	5	4	8	34	44	19
Bewdley Res	16	4	2	10	31	42	14
Emerald Ath	11	1	5	5	15	28	8
Azaad Sports	14	1	2	11	21	40	5

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	21	21	0	0	74	11	63
Gap Connah's Q	21	12	6	3	33	16	42
Bala	21	11	6	4	41	27	39
Bangor City	21	11	3	7	33	30	36
Cardiff Met Unity	20	8	3	9	26	18	27
Carmarthen	20	7	5	8	30	30	26
Llandudno	21	6	7	8	16	27	25
Aberystwyth	20	7	2	11	25	38	23
Rhyl FC	21	6	2	13	25	54	20
New	21	4	6	11	23	29	18
Cefn Druids	20	3	7	10	23	40	16
Airbus UK B'ton	21	3	3	15	24	53	12

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prestatyn	17	15	2	0	63	16	47
Caernarfon	17	12	2	3	49	27	38
Flint Utd	17	10	3	4	42	24	33
Gresford Ath	17	10	1	6	39	25	31
Guilsfield	17	9	3	5	33	23	30
Porthmadog	17	9	2	6	37	29	29
Caersws	18	9	2	7	39	34	29
Holywell	16	7	4	5	24	16	25
Mold Alex	17	6	2	9	29	61	20
Holyhead H'spur	17	5	4	8	31	31	19
Denbigh	18	4	6	8	30	39	18
Llanfair Utd	16	5	2	9	18	34	17
Penrhyncoch	17	4	4	9	24	31	16
Buckley	17	4	2	11	25	49	14
Conwy Borough	17	4	1	12	33	49	13
Ruthin	17	2	2	13	16	44	8

Spar Mid Wales League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Berriew	20	15	3	2	76	24	48
Rhayader	20	15	3	2	48	18	48
Carno	18	12	4	2	46	24	40
Hay St Mary's	19	9	4	6	48	32	31
Bow Street	19	9	3	7	36	27	30
Llanrhaeadr	15	9	2	4	39	24	29
Aberaeron	19	8	5	6	34	31	29
Knighton	19	8	4	7	24	31	28
Llanidloes	17	8	3	6	30	26	27
Ll'dod Wells	17	6	3	8	34	42	21
Radnor Valley	17	4	5	8	31	33	17
Machynlleth	18	5	2	11	25	45	17
Tywyn/Bryncrug	17	4	2	11	34	60	14
Welshpool	19	2	1	16	14	51	7
Montgomery	20	1	0	19	13	64	3

AFC bridgnorth u18's show off their new polo shirts with sponsor and local business man Richard Butler from Motor Homes Hire Specialist. And the new kit did the trick as they beat West Hagley East 9-0. Scott Rawlings netted four, Luke Rowlinson a hat-trick while Charlie Fellows and Dylan Hall were also on target. The lads are now in the quarter-finals of the league cup and Shropshire Cup, which is a credit to them as many players have stepped up to the standards of the club with players breaking into first team and reserves on a regular basis.

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kerry	15	11	2	2	38	16	35
Borth Utd	15	10	2	3	38	22	32
Dolgellau Ath	16	9	3	4	38	29	30
N'bridge-on-Wye	14	7	2	5	39	36	23
Ll'ffraid Village	17	6	3	8	28	30	21
Builth Wells	16	6	3	7	35	41	21
Abermule	15	5	5	5	34	25	20
Churchstoke	13	6	2	5	38	30	20
Aber Uni	13	5	2	6	24	25	17
Presteigne St A	17	4	5	8	32	47	17
Dyffryn Banw	14	5	1	8	18	26	16
Four Crosses	15	4	3	8	16	23	15
Penybont	14	0	5	9	17	45	5

Sportsjam Regional League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Church Stretton	13	8	3	2	34	22	27
Gobowen Celtic	15	8	2	5	50	44	26
Oakengates Ath	11	7	2	2	31	14	23
Madeley Sports	14	6	5	3	29	19	23
Childs Ercall	14	7	1	6	37	25	22
Clee Hill Utd	14	7	1	6	36	35	22
Rock Rvrs	13	6	3	4	38	31	21
Prees	15	5	2	8	41	46	17
Shifnal Utd 97	13	4	2	7	28	41	14
FC Hodnet	13	3	4	6	23	34	13
W'dine Wood	13	2	4	7	26	39	10
Bridgnorth Res.	14	3	1	10	21	44	10

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
O'gates Rgrs	15	12	1	2	71	28	37
Shrewsbury Jnrs	14	12	0	2	88	22	36
St Georges Utd.	17	11	3	3	50	28	36
Stoke Heath	15	10	3	2	96	36	33
Newport Res	15	10	1	4	55	16	31
Oswestry Res	15	9	3	3	54	44	30
Craven Arms	16	8	4	4	79	33	28
Madeley Spt Res	16	9	1	6	47	35	28
Brown Clee	16	8	1	7	52	38	25
Coven Utd	15	7	2	6	52	42	23
Riverside	14	5	2	7	37	29	17
St Martins Village	12	5	2	5	43	36	17
W'church A Jnrs	14	3	4	7	40	46	13
Albrighton FC	16	3	3	10	39	62	12
AFC Broseley	18	2	0	16	23	80	6
AFC Shifnal	17	1	0	16	34	138	3
Denso	17	1	0	16	23	170	3

Under 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'dine Wood	10	6	2	2	31	18	20
Wellington Ams	10	6	1	3	41	22	19
Bridgnorth	9	5	2	2	22	13	17
Market Drayton	6	3	1	2	14	9	10
FC Oswestry	10	3	0	7	19	30	9
W'church A Jnrs	7	0	0	7	3	38	0

J T Hughes Montgomeryshire Amateur League
Honda Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llanfyllin	11	7	1	3	42	19	22
Waterloo Rvrs	9	6	2	1	27	13	20
Meifod	9	6	2	1	22	11	20
Caersws Res	11	4	4	3	27	21	16
Guilsfield Res	9	5	1	3	20	17	16
Llanfair Utd Res	14	4	3	7	21	33	15
Berriew Res	9	4	2	3	19	18	14
Llanymynech	10	4	1	5	19	28	13
Morda Utd	9	3	2	4	14	15	11
Llanrhaeadr Res	12	1	2	9	17	40	5
New Rvrs	5	0	0	5	6	19	0

Mitsubishi Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Trewern Utd	12	9	0	3	67	20	27
Maesyrhandir	12	9	0	3	38	30	27
Carno Res	14	8	2	4	39	32	26
New Wdrs	11	8	1	2	34	20	25
Kerry Res	12	7	1	4	41	31	22
Bishops Castle	7	7	0	0	38	3	21
Llangedwyn	8	5	0	3	24	17	15
Abermule Res	12	2	3	7	22	36	9
Waterloo Rvr Res	12	2	2	8	23	43	8
Welshpool Res	12	1	3	8	17	49	6
Trefonen	10	1	1	8	18	39	4
Llanfechain	12	1	1	10	20	61	4

Greenhous Shrewsbury Sunday League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Atho Market	9	7	0	2	39	25	21
Instones Utd	9	6	1	2	28	14	19
Cruckton Rvrs	6	5	1	0	28	7	16
Pontesbury	8	4	1	3	30	17	13
Loppington	9	4	1	4	22	24	13
Rock Rvrs Yth	7	3	0	4	19	17	9
Kinnerley	7	2	0	5	17	26	6
Coton Rvrs	10	2	0	8	18	52	6
The Gates	9	1	2	6	14	33	5

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Radbrook	7	4	1	2	23	16	13
Beacon	7	4	1	2	14	13	13
Telegraph	7	4	0	3	20	15	12
Norbury	9	3	1	5	24	17	10
Red Barne	7	3	1	3	14	13	10
Compasses	5	2	2	1	11	9	8
Anchor Inn	6	1	0	5	10	33	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Unison	10	7	0	3	45	22	21
S.A.H.A. Youth	9	6	1	2	32	18	19
Snailbeach	6	4	0	2	28	18	12
White Lion	7	3	1	3	21	23	10
Boars Head	8	3	1	4	15	17	10
Crown Coleham	6	3	0	3	12	13	9
Minsterley Rgrs	8	3	0	5	18	32	9
Dudleston Heath	10	1	1	8	15	43	4

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bomere Heath	9	8	1	0	61	12	22
Harlescott Rgrs	10	6	2	2	38	15	20
Dun Cow	9	4	3	2	40	30	15
Onslow	11	5	0	6	45	37	15
Brockton Rvrs	9	4	0	5	35	34	12
Bull In The Barne	9	4	0	5	27	32	12
Charles Darwin	10	3	1	6	22	38	10
Harlescott SC	9	3	1	5	19	37	10
Coracle Utd	10	2	0	8	21	73	6

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beeches	10	7	0	3	24	17	21
Crown A F'gate	11	6	2	3	28	24	20
Heath Farm Rgrs	9	6	1	2	35	14	19
Dorrington	9	5	3	1	27	17	18
Unicorn	11	6	0	5	30	23	18
Wheatsheaf	8	5	0	3	25	12	15
Three Fishes	9	5	0	4	25	23	15
Old PO Wem	11	4	2	5	23	21	14
Dolphin AFC	12	2	1	9	26	46	7
Dun Cow Youth	12	0	1	11	17	63	1

Telford Sunday Football League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay Utd	10	10	0	0	77	7	30
Honeysuckle	11	8	1	2	51	25	25
Dawley Wdr Vets	12	8	0	4	49	32	24
Dawley Social	12	8	0	4	49	44	24
Shifnal Nth End	10	6	1	3	28	23	19
Barley	10	6	0	4	35	31	18
Riverside	12	4	3	5	28	35	15
Captain Webb	9	3	0	6	27	38	9
Lord Hill M D'ton	11	3	0	8	21	56	9
Celtic Spartans	11	2	1	8	19	40	7
Travellers Joy	10	2	0	8	19	34	6
Bulls Hd D B V	10	1	0	9	17	55	3

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ironbrige	10	10	0	0	53	5	30
Wrekin	11	7	1	3	47	12	22
Whitehorse Ath	9	6	3	0	45	15	21
Church Wickets	12	6	2	4	36	15	20
Joiners Arms	8	5	1	2	26	11	16
St Georges	11	5	0	6	22	32	15
Cosford Utd	8	4	2	2	38	20	14
The Falcon	12	4	1	7	35	32	13
Telford Rgrs	12	2	2	8	22	42	8
W'dine Wd Jnrs	13	1	2	10	21	63	5
Britannia	12	1	2	9	20	118	5

English Rugby Clubs
National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caldy	16	14	1	1	559	220	70
Sale	16	13	0	3	475	264	61
Sedgley Park	16	10	3	3	498	315	57
Stourbridge	16	11	0	5	388	285	54
Leicester Lns	15	11	0	4	363	298	52
Sth Leicester	16	7	2	7	422	390	46
Tynedale	16	8	1	7	364	415	43
Chester	16	7	1	8	327	329	42
Otley	16	8	0	8	337	368	38
Hinckley	16	7	0	9	302	369	34
Luctonians	16	5	0	11	376	445	31
Scunthorpe	16	6	0	10	254	473	27
Wharfedale	16	5	0	11	316	450	25
Harrogate	16	4	0	12	231	373	22
Sheffield Tigers	16	4	0	12	316	464	21
Preston Grass	15	3	0	12	304	374	18

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nuneaton	14	11	1	2	399	217	54
Sheffield	14	10	0	4	356	219	49
B'ham/Solihull	14	10	1	3	268	224	44
Broadstreet	14	8	1	5	353	238	42
Old Hales	14	8	0	6	336	288	39
Towcestrians	14	6	1	7	305	305	36
Sandbach	14	7	0	7	332	327	35
Derby	14	6	0	8	369	346	35
P'borough Lns	14	6	2	6	290	310	35
Longton	14	6	0	8	354	422	32
Bridgnorth	14	6	0	8	295	280	31
Lichfield	14	4	1	9	275	447	26
Bedford Athletic	14	3	0	11	306	369	22
Syston	14	3	1	10	184	430	14

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
N'port, Salop	14	12	1	1	452	282	58
Bournville	14	11	0	3	490	348	54
Burton	14	9	1	4	439	234	49
Stratford U Avon	14	7	0	7	362	308	40
Dudley Kings	14	8	0	6	361	280	39
Wolverhampton	14	8	0	6	248	289	36
Moseley Oak	14	6	0	8	357	399	33
Hereford	14	6	1	7	234	299	30
Stoke on Trent	14	5	1	8	277	314	30
Worcester	14	6	1	7	273	317	29
Whitchurch	14	6	0	8	244	291	29
Sutton Coldfield	14	5	0	9	241	323	27
Crewe/Nantwich	14	4	1	9	330	388	26
Kenilworth	14	2	0	12	231	467	12

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stourbridge Lns	11	8	1	2	354	183	43
Camp Hill	11	8	0	3	377	183	42
Leek	11	8	0	3	430	175	41
Walsall	11	8	1	2	310	158	41
Tamworth	11	7	0	4	233	250	30
Kidderminster	11	6	0	5	282	216	30
Stafford	11	5	0	6	216	237	25
Veseyans	11	5	0	6	156	267	23
Old Saltleians	11	4	0	7	150	262	19
N'castle, Staffs.	11	3	0	8	142	345	15
Old Yardleians	11	2	0	9	187	342	14
Shrewsbury	11	1	0	10	111	330	7

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ludlow	11	10	0	1	522	150	50
Burntwood	11	10	0	1	431	186	49
Cleobury M	11	9	0	2	418	200	45
Handsworth	11	8	0	3	337	264	41
Telford Hornets	11	6	0	5	161	241	24
Cannock	11	5	0	6	226	322	24
Uttoxeter	11	4	0	7	282	301	21
Edwardians	11	5	0	6	277	290	20
Willenhall	11	3	0	8	229	380	18
Harborne	11	4	0	7	235	352	15
Eccleshall	11	1	0	10	174	428	9
Clee Hill	11	1	0	10	147	325	8

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Trentham	11	9	0	2	417	100	45
Barton-U-N'wd	11	9	0	2	220	116	42
Rugeley	11	8	0	3	219	250	38
Essington	11	5	0	6	151	178	26
Aston OE	11	5	0	6	174	219	25
Wednesbury	11	5	0	6	190	193	23
Bloxwich	11	9	0	2	280	141	22
Five Ways OE	11	5	0	6	171	200	22
Bishops Castle	11	4	0	7	125	226	19
Yardley & Dist	11	3	0	8	143	240	16
St Leonards	11	2	0	9	144	201	14
Church Stretton	11	2	0	9	116	286	11

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Market Drayton	7	6	0	1	175	60	30
Greyhound	7	5	0	2	294	137	26
Tenbury	7	4	0	3	168	115	21
Chaddesley C	7	4	0	3	120	137	17
Aldridge	6	3	0	3	125	114	16
Warley	7	1	0	6	91	246	5
Stourport	7	1	0	6	65	229	5

Northern Division South Lancs/Cheshire Divison 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Douglas IOM	14	12	0	2	493	234	57
Broughton Park	15	10	0	5	592	247	52
Manchester	14	10	1	3	466	272	51
Bowdon	14	10	0	4	484	296	51
Glossop	13	10	0	3	377	163	49
L'pool St Helens	14	10	0	4	452	283	48
Widnes	15	8	0	7	384	331	43
Southport	12	7	1	4	290	280	36
New Brighton	15	8	0	7	339	418	35
Sefton	15	6	0	9	309	344	29
Manchester M	14	2	1	11	261	436	17
Anselmians	14	2	0	12	263	554	10
Wigan	14	1	0	13	121	590	7
Oswestry	13	0	1	12	146	529	-2

Aviva Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wasps	12	10	0	2	393	261	47
Saracens	12	10	0	2	299	134	46
Exeter	12	7	1	4	324	226	39
Bath	12	8	0	4	272	192	37
Leicester	12	7	0	5	269	243	32
Northampton	12	6	0	6	207	209	28
Harlequins	12	6	0	6	251	285	28
Newcastle	12	5	0	7	204	293	25
Gloucester	12	3	2	7	264	258	25
Sale	12	3	1	8	219	293	19
Worcester	12	2	2	8	215	354	14
Bristol	12	2	0	10	190	359	12

Women's Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bristol	10	9	0	1	374	134	44
Lichfield	10	8	0	2	336	170	40
Aylesford Bulls	10	7	0	3	292	150	34
Saracens	10	6	0	4	286	158	31
Worcs Valkyries	10	5	0	5	255	258	25
Richmond	10	2	0	8	162	333	12
Wasps	10	2	0	8	176	419	12
Darlington MP	10	1	0	9	144	403	8

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League
Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Frankwell CC	14	7	7	0	69	43	21
Rock A	14	8	4	2	68	44	20
Telepost	14	7	5	2	64	48	19
Telegraph CB	14	5	7	2	61	51	17
Belle Vue Tavern	14	5	7	2	58	54	17
Rock B	14	6	4	4	59	53	16
Horseshoes	14	4	6	4	54	58	14
Monkmoor/Belv	14	4	5	5	54	58	13
Corbett Uff A	14	5	3	6	50	62	13
Crown A	14	5	2	7	54	58	12
Brooklands A	14	4	4	6	53	59	12
Cross Foxes B	14	4	3	7	55	57	11
Boars Head	14	4	3	7	49	63	11
Unison	14	3	4	7	51	61	10
Reman/Compas	14	3	4	7	49	63	10
Compasses A	14	2	4	8	48	64	8

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rock C	14	8	4	2	69	43	20
Woodman A	14	7	4	3	66	46	18
Woodman B	14	7	3	4	58	54	17
Telegraph A	14	7	2	5	59	53	16
Red Lion	14	7	2	5	57	55	16
Monkmoor	13	7	2	4	55	49	16
Pnce of Wales A	14	4	6	4	54	58	14
Telegraph B	14	5	3	6	53	59	13
Compasses B	14	5	3	6	52	60	13
Telegraph RO	13	5	2	6	53	51	12
Harry Hotspur	14	4	4	6	52	60	12
Beeches A	13	4	4	5	50	54	12
Harlescott SC	14	4	3	7	54	58	11
Plough	13	4	3	6	50	54	11
Heathgates B	14	4	2	8	49	63	10
Masonic B	12	2	3	7	41	55	7

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Horseshoes A	13	11	0	2	71	33	22
Old Bell	13	9	3	1	63	41	21
Admiral Duncan	13	5	5	3	52	52	15
Bull in Barn B	14	4	5	5	54	58	13
Cressage	13	5	3	5	52	52	13
Anchor HG	13	5	3	5	51	53	13
Bird	13	4	4	5	51	53	12
Corbett B	13	4	4	5	49	55	12
Beeches B	12	5	2	5	48	48	12
Rock D	13	4	3	6	53	51	11
Bagley	13	4	3	6	48	56	11
Masonic A	13	5	1	7	48	56	11
Compasses BH	11	4	3	4	46	42	11
Bull in Barn A	13	3	4	6	50	54	10
Cross Foxes A	12	2	1	9	32	64	5

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Heathgates A	11	9	1	1	56	32	19
Wheatsheaf	11	7	0	4	47	41	14
Red Lion	11	6	1	4	52	36	13
Brick Copthorne	11	5	3	3	47	41	13
Coach	11	5	2	4	48	40	12
Greenfields BC	11	4	4	3	48	40	12
Inn on Green	10	5	1	4	43	37	11
Dolphin	9	4	3	2	40	32	11
Crown B	11	3	4	4	45	43	10
Brooklands B	10	3	3	4	38	42	9
Prince B	11	2	3	6	33	55	7
Three Fishes	10	1	2	7	28	52	4
Brittania	11	1	1	9	24	64	3

Shrewsbury & District Snooker League
Bright Motors League One

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Unison D	13	10	3	48	17	48
Stanton A	12	10	2	44	16	47
Harlescott A	12	8	4	40	20	42
Wem USC A	12	10	2	40	20	40
Beaconsfield A	12	6	6	31	29	31
Unison A	12	7	5	30	30	30
Beaconsfield B	12	5	7	29	31	29
Meole Brace F	12	5	7	25	35	29
Meole Brace A	12	4	8	29	31	29
Harlescott B	12	5	7	27	33	27
Preston Brockhurst	12	4	8	25	35	25
Harlescott D	12	4	8	23	37	24
Bagley B	12	4	8	18	42	18
Unison B	13	2	11	15	50	15

A B F Carpets League Two

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Wem USC C	13	11	2	48	17	48
Unison F	13	9	4	47	18	48
Bagley C	13	11	2	46	19	46
Meole Brace D	13	10	3	43	22	43
Old Shrewsbury A	13	8	5	38	27	37
Harlescott C	13	8	5	36	29	36
Unison C	14	7	7	33	37	35
Meole G	13	6	7	33	32	33
Beaconsfield C	13	7	6	32	33	32
Bagley A	13	5	8	27	38	27
Unison E	13	5	8	26	39	26
Wem USC B	13	5	8	24	40	24
Harlescott E	13	3	10	24	41	24
Meole Brace E	13	3	10	21	44	21
Harlescott F	13	0	13	11	54	11

Results

Bright Motors League One
Wem B 4 Wem C 1; Harlescott D 1 Wem USC A 4; Preston Brockhurst A 2 Meole F 3; Beaconsfield B 1 Harlescott A 4; Meole A 4 Beaconsfield A 1; Unison D 5 Unison B 0
A B F Carpets League Two
Wem USC B 4 Wem USC C 1; Bagley C 5 Unison E 0; Meole E 0 Harlescott C 5; Unison C 3 plus one bonus point Old Shrewsbury A 2; Meole G 1 Meole D 4; Beaconsfield C 3 Harlescott E 2; Harlescott F 0 Unison F 5

Telford Snooker League
Heath Hill Building & Roofing Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Maddocks A	10	9	1	36	14
Dawley C	10	8	2	36	14
Shifnal B	10	8	2	35	15
Hadley B	10	7	3	31	19
Dawley A	10	6	4	29	21
Eden G	10	4	6	21	29
Eden A	10	4	6	20	30
Maddocks E	10	4	6	19	31
Bayley E	10	2	8	17	33
Shifnal F	10	2	8	16	34
Bayley B	10	1	9	15	35

Roden Scaffold Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Maddocks C	11	7	4	38	17
Bayley D	11	8	3	35	20
Maddocks F	11	8	3	33	22
Dawley B	11	7	4	33	22
Eden Elite	11	7	4	33	22
Shifnal D	11	7	4	32	23
Maddocks 2nd	11	6	5	30	25
Anstice B (Dawley)	11	5	6	27	28
Bayley Cue	11	4	7	20	35
Bayley Lads	11	3	8	20	35
Allscott	11	4	7	19	36
Bayley Z	11	0	11	10	45

Broseley Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Albion	11	8	3	45	32	69
Lion B	11	8	3	44	33	68
Red Lion	11	7	4	42	35	63
Pressies	11	6	5	40	37	58
3 Lions	10	6	4	36	34	54
Down/Outs	10	5	5	37	33	52
Old Boys	10	3	7	29	41	38
Lion A	11	3	8	32	45	38
Cricket	11	2	9	31	46	37

Newport Domino League

	P	W	F	A	P
Honeysuckle AC	12	10	56	28	76
Bowling Club B	12	8	49	35	65
Honeysuckle	12	5	41	43	51
Bowling Club A	10	7	36	34	50
Legion Bees	11	6	35	42	47
New Bowlers	12	4	37	47	45
Malts	12	4	35	49	43
Kings Head	11	2	33	44	37

Results

Bowling Club B 5 New Bowlers 2; Honeysuckle AC 5 Legion Bees 2; Malts 1 Honeysuckle 6.

The 'Arthur Hawkins' Newport District Domino League

	P	W	F	A	P
Lion	13	10	57	34	77
Bowling Club A	13	8	50	41	66
Legion Seamers	13	7	48	43	62
legion Aces	13	7	48	43	62
Childs Ercall Club	13	8	46	45	62
Wheatsheaf Bees	13	7	46	43	60
3 Horseshoes	13	6	42	49	54
Bowling Club B	13	5	41	50	51
Legion Yorkers	13	4	42	49	50
W'sheaf Wasps	13	3	35	56	41

Results

Wheatsheaf Wasps 3 Legion Seamers 4; Childs Ercall Club 6 Legion Aces 1; Three Horseshoes 2 Bowling Club B 5; Bowling Club A 3 Wheatsheaf Bees 4; Legion Yorkers 5 Lion 2.

Corvedale Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Outsiders	11	5	1	5	50	38	15
Burway B	11	5	2	4	49	39	14
Nomads	11	5	3	3	48	40	13
Tally Ho	11	6	4	1	50	38	13
THSA	11	5	3	3	45	43	13
Bantams	11	5	4	2	47	41	12
Burway A	11	5	4	2	46	42	12
Grn Dragon	11	4	4	3	44	44	11
Seven Stars	10	3	4	3	39	41	9
Sun	11	3	6	2	37	51	8
Swan	10	2	6	2	33	47	6
Insiders	11	0	7	4	32	56	4

Shifnal Darts League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
White Hart A	13	12	1	202	71	202
Shifnal FC	14	13	1	195	99	195
Jaspers	13	11	2	188	85	188
Britannia	13	10	3	179	94	179
Travellers Joy	13	9	4	176	97	176
Harp A	14	8	6	162	132	162
W'sheaf B	13	6	7	127	146	127
Pattingham	13	5	8	124	149	124
Anvil	13	6	7	123	150	123
Mason's	13	3	10	122	151	122
White Hart B	13	4	9	120	153	120
ALB CC	14	7	7	118	176	118
Harp B	13	5	8	115	158	115
ALB Social	13	4	9	114	159	114
Winking Frog	13	4	9	103	170	103
War Mem	13	1	12	94	179	94
W'sheaf A	14	2	12	89	205	89

Shifnal Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Shifnal Twn B	9	7	2	47	34	75
Wheatsheaf	9	7	2	44	37	72
War Memorial	9	5	4	44	37	64
White Hart B	9	5	4	44	37	64
White Hart A	9	5	4	37	44	57
Shifnal Ladies	9	3	6	36	45	48
Anvil	9	2	7	38	43	46
Shifnal Twn A	9	2	7	34	47	42

Shrewsbury Invitational Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
BVT	15	11	3	1	71	49	23
Telegraph	15	8	2	5	68	52	21
Compasses	15	9	4	2	74	46	20
FCC	15	7	3	5	66	54	19
HSC	14	7	3	4	61	51	18
Dog & P'sant	15	7	5	3	59	61	17
Telepost	15	6	5	4	59	61	16
Rock & F'tain	15	5	5	5	65	55	15
Anchor	15	5	5	5	60	60	15
Albion	15	5	6	4	58	62	14
Heathgates	15	5	7	3	55	65	13
Postal	15	5	8	2	54	66	12
POW	15	4	8	3	55	65	11
Cross Foxes	14	3	8	3	50	62	9
Masonic	15	2	8	5	52	68	9
Brooklands	15	2	11	2	44	76	6

Oswestry & District Domino League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C Foxes G'wen	14	9	3	2	54	30	21
Top W L Oswestry	14	9	2	3	49	35	20
Penybont Inn	14	7	5	2	47	37	19
H'shoe L'dwel	14	7	2	5	47	37	16
Blck L Oswestry A	13	6	4	3	43	35	16
B'ford A Knockin	14	5	6	3	45	39	16
Ye OV Oswestry	14	6	3	5	51	33	15
Lion Ll'ffraid	14	5	4	5	44	40	14
Station Ll'ffraid	14	5	4	5	42	42	14
Blck H M'brook	14	5	2	7	38	46	12
Blck L Oswestry B	14	5	1	8	39	45	11
Oak Oswestry	14	2	6	6	35	49	10
Bell Oswestry	13	2	4	7	32	46	8
W'stay Llansilin	14	0	2	12	16	68	2

Results

Bradford Arms 3 Oak 3; Cross Foxes 4 Station 2; Wynnstay 0 Horseshoe 6; Top White Lion 5 Bell 1; Ye Olde Vaults 2 Lion Llansantffraid 4; Black Lion B 2 Black Lion A 4; Penybont Inn 5 Black Horse 1.

Shrewsbury & District Ladies Darts League
Division 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Rock/F'tain A	12	7	2	3	47	25	17
C Darwin	12	7	2	3	44	28	17
Heathgates	12	6	2	4	43	29	16
Anchor F/W	12	4	3	5	39	33	13
Woodman	12	3	3	6	36	36	12
B Vue Tavern	12	2	3	7	33	39	11
Monkmoor B	12	5	7	0	31	40	10
W'sheaf F/W	12	4	6	2	29	42	10
Compasses A	12	3	7	2	27	45	8
Compasses B	12	2	8	2	30	42	6

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Telegraph	11	6	2	3	37	29	15
Horseshoes	11	6	3	2	39	27	14
Beeches	10	6	2	2	34	26	14
Crwn C Ham	10	4	2	4	32	28	12
Crwn/Sceptre	11	5	5	1	34	32	11
HSC	11	4	4	3	33	33	11
Plough Pony	10	2	4	4	28	32	8
Saddlers B	10	3	8	0	24	42	6
Saddlers A	11	2	8	1	37	29	5

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Crown A/F	10	8	1	1	38	22	17
Rock B	11	6	1	4	39	26	16
Masonic	11	3	3	5	34	32	11
Bird In Hand	11	4	4	3	32	34	11
Monkmoor A	11	3	4	4	34	32	10
Bagley S&S C	11	2	5	4	30	36	8
Anchor H/G	11	3	6	2	29	37	8
Red Lion	10	3	5	2	28	32	8
Compasses C	10	2	5	3	23	36	7

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Domino League

	P	W	S	L	F	A	P
C Foxes G'wen	13	8	3	2	50	28	19
T W L Oswestry	13	8	2	3	44	34	18
Penybont Inn	13	6	5	2	42	36	17
YOV Oswestry	13	6	3	4	49	29	15
B'ford A Knock.	13	5	5	3	42	36	15
B L Oswestry A	12	5	4	3	39	33	14
H'shoe L'bldowel	13	6	2	5	41	37	14
Station L'ffraid	13	5	4	4	40	38	14
Lion L'ffraid	13	4	4	5	40	38	12
B H Maesbrook	13	5	2	6	37	41	12
B L Oswestry B	13	5	1	7	37	41	11
Oak Oswestry	13	2	5	6	32	46	9
Bell Oswestry	12	2	4	6	31	41	8
W'stay Llansilin	13	0	2	11	16	62	2

Pontesbury Indoor Cricket League

	P	W	L	P
Grasshoppers	4	4	0	40
Alberbury A	4	3	1	31
Condover	3	3	0	25
Montgomery	4	2	2	23
Acton Reynald	3	2	1	20
Alberbury B	4	1	3	16
Calypsos	3	0	3	7
Beacon	2	0	2	3
Church Stretton	3	0	3	3

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Domino League

	P	W	S	L	F	A	P
C Foxes G'wen	13	8	3	2	50	28	19
T W L Oswestry	13	8	2	3	44	34	18
Penybont Inn	13	6	5	2	42	36	17
YOV Oswestry	13	6	3	4	49	29	15
B'ford A Knock.	13	5	5	3	42	36	15
B L Oswestry A	12	5	4	3	39	33	14
H'shoe L'bldowel	13	6	2	5	41	37	14
Station L'ffraid	13	5	4	4	40	38	14
Lion L'ffraid	13	4	4	5	40	38	12
B H Maesbrook	13	5	2	6	37	41	12
B L Oswestry B	13	5	1	7	37	41	11
Oak Oswestry	13	2	5	6	32	46	9
Bell Oswestry	12	2	4	6	31	41	8
W'stay Llansilin	13	0	2	11	16	62	2

Shrewsbury Invitational Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
BVT	15	11	3	1	71	49	23
Telegraph	15	8	2	5	68	52	21
Compasses	15	9	4	2	74	46	20
FCC	15	7	3	5	66	54	19
HSC	14	7	3	4	61	51	18
Dog & P'sant	15	7	5	3	59	61	17
Telepost	15	6	5	4	59	61	16
Rock & F'tain	15	5	5	5	65	55	15
Anchor	15	5	5	5	60	60	15
Albion	15	5	6	4	58	62	14
Heathgates	15	5	7	3	55	65	13
Postal	15	5	8	2	54	66	12
POW	15	4	8	3	55	65	11
Cross Foxes	14	3	8	3	50	62	9
Masonic	15	2	8	5	52	68	9
Brooklands	15	2	11	2	44	76	6

An adapted cycling session was held in Telford Town Park

Willowdene celebrate their Sport England satellite club aware with Joe Lockley (left)

Sport gets Energized

Alan Bircher of Ellesmere Titans was a double winner

William Brookes School in Much Wenlock, winners of the year 7/8 sportshall athletics at the school games

Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards was guest speaker

COUNTY sports partnership Energize Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin is looking forward to an exciting 2017 after enjoying one of its busiest and most successful years yet.

The expanding organisation, which has just taken on two new interns at its Shrewsbury headquarters, revamped its School Games county finals to take events to all corners of Shropshire for the first time in 2016.

It also celebrated the 10th anniversary of its community sport 'Oscars' with a glittering awards ceremony at Telford's International Centre, where the legendary Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards was guest of honour. And its involvement in the county's first ever 'Inclusive Sport and Activity Roadshow', coming on the back of the Team GB and Paralympics GB gold medal rush at the Rio games, was a huge success.

Energize, based at The Guildhall in Frankwell Quay, promotes sport and active lifestyles,

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and believes there is an activity out there for everyone, whether they see themselves as 'sporty' or not.

Marketing manager Tamsin Foster said: "In the last year Energize has helped local schools, community groups and voluntary sports clubs to access more than half a million pounds of funding to put on new or improved activities.

"We have also organised two-day 'Fundamentals and Aquatics Skills of School Swimming' courses completed by 47 primary school staff, recruited and deployed some 60 people through our Volunteer Academy, and signed up a further 87 people through our successful 'Women Make Coaching' programme."

One of the biggest changes to the Energize programme in 2016 was a revamp of the Shropshire Homes School Games county finals, for secondary schools.

Instead of holding twice yearly events at Shrewsbury Sports Village, it was decided to stage six 'mini festivals' instead, giving other parts of Shropshire the chance to share in the action.

And so, for the 2016-17 academic year, there are two finals in Telford & Wrekin, with the remainder shared between Shrewsbury, Ellesmere, Church Stretton, and Much Wenlock.

The most recent finals were at Wrekin College in December, where the spotlight was on hockey, rugby and sportshall athletics, and pupils from 22 secondary schools took part.

Among the winning schools were Thomas Telford, Shrewsbury High and Shrewsbury Academy, Lacon Childe of Cleobury Mortimer, Lakelands of Ellesmere, The Corbet from Baschurch, Ercall Wood of Wellington, William Brookes from Much Wenlock, and Southall School from Telford.

The highest profile event of Energize's year was the 10th anniversary awards in November.

The Energize Awards recognise those involved in grass-roots sport or physical activity – from teams and individuals, to the volunteers and coaches who keep groups and clubs alive.

Among the winners were Ellesmere Titans swimming club and its coach Alan Bircher, Andy Crozier from Lawley Running Club, Anna Overton of Bridgnorth Spartans FC, and Adam Summers from Astons Kickboxing Academy.

The Sports Performance of the Year prize went to Paralympic hero Nick Beighton, and the Outstanding Contribution award was won by Jane Barker, the driving force behind the Perry Riding & Driving Group.

And on the subject of awards . . . Energize also shared in the success of a Shropshire club which helps ex-offenders and at-risk members of society into sport and physical activity.

A football project at Willowdene, a community rehabilitation centre near Bridgnorth – set up as part of the satellite clubs programme and run by Shrewsbury Up And Comers football club - was voted the best satellite club in the West Midlands, by Sport England.

The first ever Inclusive Sport and Activity Roadshow was held across Shropshire in September as part of the Inclusively Fit project, where Energize is a key partner.

More than 80 sports and activities were offered by over 35 sports clubs and groups - from rowing in Shrewsbury to boxing in Albrighton, tai chi in Coalbrookdale and judo in Market Drayton, activities were laid on for people of all ages and abilities.

Telford, Shrewsbury, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Much Wenlock, Church Stretton, Newport, Pontesbury, Broseley, Bishop's Castle, and Shifnal were among the towns and villages taking part.

Energize also teamed up with the local authority, and Sport England, to organise a successful 'Club Matters' workshop at Telford Rugby Club, offering top tips on running a successful community sports club.

■ To find out more about the work of Energize in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin call Helen White on 01743 297191, or see www.energizestw.org.uk.

Llanfair are sliding towards drop zone

LLANFAIR United were dragged back towards basement danger in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after suffering a disappointing 2-0 home loss to Penrhyncoch at the Mount Field.

Defeat, their third in a row, sees United fall one place to 12th in the table, and they are now just one point above Penrhyn who climbed out of the basement zone courtesy of their victory.

The Roosters took what chances came along to bag the points with a goal in each half from Elian Evans (25) and a terrific 30-yard free kick from Mark Gornall on the hour.

Disappointingly for the hosts, the second half petered out as they never looked like retrieving the situation once they went two goals down.

"We were in the game at half time, but were flat in the second half and never looked like getting back in it," said boss Rhys Stephens.

"They took their chances and we didn't, and they deserved the win. But it's not all doom and gloom as there's still 14 games left."

Llanfair have now lost their lat three outings, with their latest reverse following defeats away to Gresford Athletic (3-1) and home to Powys rivals Caersws (2-1).

GUILSFIELD made up ground on the leading pack with a closely fought 2-1 home win over Powys rivals Caersws taking them up to fifth in the table.

With both sides looking to return to winning ways after recent reverses, it was the Guils who prevailed thanks to goals either side of half time from Andy Ford and a Louis Irvine penalty.

Guils suffer heartbreak in cup clash

GUILSFIELD missed out on a place in the semi-finals of the Huws Gray Cup after suffering a last-gasp 2-1 exit at unbeaten high fliers Prestatyn Town.

It was a heart-breaking loss for the spirited Guils who took the game to the unbeaten league leaders with a terrific showing only to succumb at the death.

After trailing to a fine 20-yard volley from Noah Edwards midway through the first half, the Mid Wales visitors enjoyed plenty of possession and territory and deservedly hit back to level on 71 minutes through Louis Irvine.

But hopes of progressing to the last four were dashed three minutes into injury time when, with extra time looming, Edwards pounced for his second goal of the game to stun the 2011 cup winners.

Prestatyn remain unbeaten this season, but that record came under real threat from the Guils who deserved more for their stirring efforts.

Newtown hit by late goal in Aber draw

AN INJURY-time strike from Joe Clarke denied lowly Newtown a vital win as Aberystwyth Town secured a precious 2-2 draw to keep alive their hopes of a top six place in the Dafabet Welsh Premier.

Looking to avenge a last-gasp Boxing Day defeat, the injury-hit Robins had trailed to Clarke's opener, before hitting back with replies from Neil Mitchell and then Luke Boundford.

After soaking up late pressure, Newtown looked to be hanging on before Clarke volleyed home his second with the last kick of the game.

The Robins, already at full stretch due to injuries, suffered another setback prior to kick off when Shane Sutton was told by officials he could not play with a cast on his hand after cutting a tendon in his hand.

Saints clean up that Ajax run of victories

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

IT was a momentous night for The New Saints who set a new world record for successive wins with a 2-0 victory over Cefn Druids.

The victory extended the Saints' winning run to a staggering 27 games in top-flight football – beating Ajax's 44-year-old record.

A first-half volley from Aeron Edwards and Jon Routledge's sweet late strike gave TNS a second festive win against the Druids and sparked celebrations as they wrote their names in the history books.

Since the start of the season, the Dafabet Welsh Premier leaders have now won all 21 league games, plus six in three separate cup competitions. In those 27 wins, the Saints have scored 88 goals and conceded just 13.

Their run eclipsed the previous record held by Dutch giants Ajax who racked up 26 top-flight victories in 1972, with their team including the legendary Johan Cruyff and Johann Neeskens.

Having overcome the Druids at home on Boxing Day, the runaway leaders followed up with a 2-0 success at the Rock to stay an imposing 21 points clear at the top. The Saints now have their sights set on another landmark as they bid to overtake Celtic's mark of 25 straight league wins, set during the 2003-2004 season.

Warning

And of course there is still the prospect of chasing a third successive domestic treble after sweeping aside all before them in recent years.

Druids were up for the battle and delivered an early warning when Michael Pritchard fired wide in the second minute.

Simon Spender then fed Ryan Brobbel who was expertly denied by Cefn keeper Mike Jones at his near post – one of several good saves from the home stopper.

Adrian Cieslewicz then fired just wide of a Druids upright as Saints began to take control.

Moments later Jones was alert to thwart Greg Draper at close range when he connected with Spender's ball across the edge of the six-yard box.

And in a frantic 30th-minute spell Alex Darlington hit a post, Spender's rebound attempt was saved and Chris Marriott shot just wide.

Finally the breakthrough came courtesy of a wonderful 35th-minute Edwards volley, the midfielder taking a touch to control the ball on the edge of the area before sending a swerving strike away from the diving Jones.

Jordan Barrow headed wide for the Ancients as they sought an immediate equaliser while Druids striker Steve Blenkinsop headed straight at Saints stopper Paul Harrison.

Routledge shot wide of the Cefn goal on 63 minutes, but Jones saved the Druids once more when he pulled off a stunning one-handed stop from Cieselewicz.

He then shut out Brobbel one-on-one, but was powerless to prevent Routledge setting the seal on an amazing record with a 25-yard strike five minutes from time.

Route to the world record

August: 14 Aberystwyth Town (home Welsh Premier) 2-1, 20 Llandudno (away – WP) 5-0, 28 Rhyl (h – WP) 10-0, 31 Cardiff Met (a – WP) 2-1.

September: 4 Airbus UK (a – WP) 4-1, 11 Bangor City (h – WP) 4-0, 17 Bala Town (h –WP) 5-1, 20 Bala Town (a – WP) 2-0, 25 Carmarthen Town (h – WP) 2-1.

October: 1 Aberystwyth Town (a – WP) 5-1, 4 Bala Town (h – League Cup) 2-1, 8 Forfar Athletic (a – Irn-Bru Cup) 3-1, 15 Llandudno (h – WP) 5-0, 23 Newtown (h – WP) 1-0, 25 Bangor City (a – WP) 2-0, 30 gap Connah's Quay (a - WP) 3-0.

November: 5 Bangor City (a – WP) 2-1, 13 Livingston (a – Irn-Bru Cup) 3-0, 18 Carmarthen Town (a – WP) 4-2, 22 gap Connah's Quay (a – LC) 1-0, 25 Airbus UK (h – WP) 4-0.

December: 3 Newtown (a – Welsh Cup) 3-0, 10 Cardiff Met (h – WP) 3-1, 13 Rhyl (a – WP) 2-1, 17 gap Connah's Quay (a – WP) 3-0, 26 Cefn Druids (h – WP) 4-0, 30 Cefn Druids (a – WP) 2-0.

Played 27, won 27, drawn 0, lost 0. Goals for 88, against 13.

Shooters zero in on the prizes

The league's new sponsor Steve Forrester (centre) is thanked by league chairman Martin Pearce and vice-chairman Sarah Davies

A TERRIFIC turnout gathered for The Montgomery & District Airgun League end of season presentation evening at the COBRA Rugby Club in Meifod, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Chairman Martin Pearce welcomed members and guests before a vast array of trophies was presented to the league's hot-shots.

There was a special presentation to Megan Jones who has retired after 30 years of dedicated work and commitment to the league and to the sport as secretary.

The evening concluded with the chairman thanking COBRA Rugby Club and all those who helped make the night such a success.

The league has also secured a new sponsor, Steve Forrester of AE Autoelectrical, based in Shrewsbury but covering huge parts of Mid Wales.

Meanwhile, in the latest round of matches Guilsfield A's hot shots sounded a title warning with victory over league leaders Churchstoke.

A depleted league programme saw the second-placed Guils make up ground on their high-flying rivals with a 208.4-201.5 victory

Shooting on home ground, they were in no mood to give their visitors any festive cheer in what proved to be a superb match of the week.

Although Churchstoke fired scores of 33 and two 34s by J Thomas and A Baker, they were no match for Guilsfield who took the team of the week award.

With three scores of 34s by R Knight, A Knight and D Pritchard, along with superb possibles of 35s by D Knight (35), P Phillips (35.5) and shooter of the week Chloe Lloyd (35.3), the home side took the honours.

Llanfair hosted a festive Crew Green B side who pulled off a 199.3-190.8 victory.

Despite welcoming back an old shooter in Andy Roberts, the home team could not match Crew Green's consistency as J Hilditch (35.3) and A Hilditch (35.3) fired possibles and Ian Brown (34.4) just missed out.

Consistent Newtown beat visiting Guilsfield B 197.2-191.8 in the other match. Newtown scored 33s across the board and a fine 34.4 by captain Jess Corbett to secure a much-needed win.

Hot-shots – members of the Montgomery & District Airgun League at the annual awards night

High-flying Berriew so buoyant with seven goals

HIGH-FLYING Berriew kept their noses in front at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a 7-0 mauling of lowly Montgomery.

The prolific Rich Davies led the Boxing Day charge with a hat-trick with Karl Seliaerts (2), Darryl Jones and Jamie Dockerty also on the mark as the Rhiewsiders stretched their unbeaten run.

They are top of the table on goal difference from Rhayader Town who maintained the challenge with a 2-0 win at in-form Llanidloes Town courtesy of Richard Powell's header and a late own goal from Steve Jones.

Missed chances proved costly as **LLANRHAEADR** lost ground with a 2-1 reverse away at Carno who cemented third place courtesy of a last-gasp win.

Iain Edmunds gave Llan the lead on the half hour with a free kick from the edge of the box, but Carno were level right on the interval.

The visitors had a chance to restore their advantage midway through the second half but Iwan Matthews saw his penalty saved before Carno snatched the points right at the death courtesy of a free kick.

Hay St Mary's cemented fourth spot after emerging 3-1 winners at Llandrindod Wells with Matt Croose, Brendan Hackett and Adi Lawford on target.

WELSHPOOL - who had no Boxing Day action - slipped deeper into basement danger after fellow strugglers Tywyn Bryncrug eased their predicament with a timely 4-2 verdict at Machynlleth.

In division two, **FOUR CROSSES** boosted hopes of escaping the basement places with a welcome 2-0 home win over Llansantffraid Village while fortunes are also looking up for third bottom Dyffryn Banw who were 3-1 winners at home to Churchstoke.

Kerry moved three points clear at the top with a 2-0 win at Abermule, Luke Mumford scoring twice, while second place Borth United lost ground after slumping 4-1 at Dolgellau.

Injury blow as Town are hit for five

FC OSWESTRY Town fell to a fourth straight defeat in the North West Counties League division one after suffering a 5-1 defeat to Sandbach United at Park Hall.

It was a harsh scoreline for Town who picked up three injuries in the game, and were forced to play much of the second half with 10 men after all their substitutes had been used.

After trailing to Kris Stockton's strike on the half hour, the Oswestry side were back on terms five minutes later through Jack Harris who rounded the keeper after latching onto Brendon Price's through ball.

They had already been forced to make changes before then with injuries to left back Matthew Jones (ankle) and Callum Williams (knee).

Despite reshuffling their side, the Park Hall hosts were holding their own against their fifth placed visitors before falling behind again right on half time to Josh Lane.

With Dan Graham coming on as a third substitute at the break, Town found themselves down to 10 men for much of the second period after central defender Matty Turner went off with a head injury.

They continued to battle, but Sandbach made the most of their one man advantage with further goals from Bradley Cooper (60), Chris Sutton (79) and Charlie Livesey five minutes from time.

Town, who are now ninth in the table, bid to halt the slump on Saturday when their take on Stockport Town at Park Hall (3pm).

Barton, meanwhile, says there are going to be changes with Dave Hartshorn and Harry Murphy leaving the club, while new signings are being lined up, including former Ruthin midfielder Kevin Garland.

Pool edged out in game of penalties

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

WELSHPOOL remain deep in the basement mire in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after being edged out 4-3 at home to **LLANRHAEADR.**

In a game that included four penalties, two for each side, Pool – who finished with 10 men – made light of their lowly league plight as they produced a performance that should boost their survival hopes.

It was Llan who got their noses in front on 17 minutes when Glenn Evans headed in an Iain Edmunds cross following a corner, but Pool were on terms with the first of their two penalties from player boss Neil Pryce following a foul by keeper Harri Matthews.

An own goal saw the Maesydre hosts edge in front, but a penalty from Edmunds levelled matters at the break after Iwan Matthews had been brought down.

A second spot kick from Pryce after the break saw Welshpool restore their advantage, but it was all square again at 3-3 as Matthews turned in a cross from Glenn Evans.

And Llanrhaeadr snatched the spoils with another penalty kick themselves when Edmunds converted his second from the spot after Matthews had again been bundled over in the box.

Welshpool, who had Nathan Hughes sent off on 70 minutes, remain second from bottom, and with plenty to do if they are to climb clear of basement danger in the New Year.

Pool remain above fellow strugglers **MONTGOMERY** who continue to prop up the table after crashing 6-0 at home to Radnor Valley.

Tywyn Bryncrug picked up another useful point in their quest to move clear of the relegation spots after drawing 2-2 at home to Aberaeron.

At the other end of the table, leaders **BERRIEW** went into the New Year top of the pile after their 4-1 home beating of Machynlleth stretched their unbeaten run to 17 games.

Karl Seliaerts led the way with a hat-trick, top scorer Richard Davies getting the other, to keep the Rhiewsiders top of the table on goal difference.

Second placed Rhayader Town kept up the pressure in the title chase with a 5-3 home verdict of derby rivals Llandrindod Wells at the Weirglodd.

After trailing to an early penalty, the Red Kites hit back to keep their noses in front with Ifan Burrell netting twice.

Gareth Hughes, Rich Powell and a Tom Bethell penalty completed the home scoring while Llandrindod finished with 10 men.

Third placed Carno were locked in a goalless deadlock at Bow Street, while Knighton Town were 2-1 winners at home to Hay St Mary's.

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Berriew hit the road for test in Cup

IN-FORM Berriew face a tricky third round tie away to Spar Mid Wales League rivals Llanidloes Town in the Central Wales Cup on Saturday, **writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.**

The Rhiewsiders have swept all before them this season, and are 17 games unbeaten after their 4-1 hammering of Machynlleth that kept them top of the Spar League on goal difference.

But they won't be resting on their laurels this weekend, particularly having been run close by Llani when the sides met earlier in the season.

Llanrhaeadr bid to build on their 4-3 win at Welshpool in their last league action when they make a tricky trip to second division leaders Kerry.

Elsewhere, Llanfyllin Town put their good form in the Montgomeryshire League to the test when they visit Carno and Llansantffraid Village entertain Newbridge.

Saturday's Central Wales Cup fixtures (1.30): Tywyn Bryncrug v Dyffryn Banw, Llanymynech v Aberaeron, Rhayader Town v Builth Wells, Llanidloes Town v Berriew, Carno v Llanfyllin, Dolgellau v Presteigne, Trewern v Churchstoke, Kerry v Llanrhaeadr, Radnor Valley v Llandrindod Wells, Llansantffraid Village v Newbridge, Borth United v Bow Street, Machynlleth v Hay St Mary's.

Llanfair United's third round tie against Waterloo Rovers at Welshpool in midweek was postponed because the pitch at Maesydre was frozen.

Meanwhile, the reserves notched their first win in four outings with a welcome 2-0 success over Berriew reserves in the J Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one.

After creating a number of chances in the first half, United took the lead when Ashley Davies hit the post and Toby Evans reacted quickest to follow up to net the rebound.

Berriew rallied after the break, but a goal from Davies with 15 minutes to go settled the issue.

Llanfair looking to get season on track

RHYS Stephens will be looking to steady the ship after his Llanfair United side suffered a third straight defeat to slip back towards relegation danger in the Huws Gray Cymu Alliance.

The 2-0 home loss to Penrhyncoch left them in 12th position, and anxiously looking over their shoulders at the basement pack.

They now head for a tricky assignment at Porthmadog on Saturday, and manager Stephens knows his men will have to dig deep.

"We need to get a win," he said "but it's not all doom and gloom as there's still a long way to go with 14 games left.

"The defeat against Penrhyncoch was disappointing in that we were very flat in the second half, and never looked like getting back into the game."

GUILSFIELD, who suffered an injury-time 2-1 exit to Prestatyn Town in the quarter-final of the Huws Gray Cup, are back to league duty with a trip to Denbigh Town.

The day mighty Ajax got the beers in

FOOTBALL

THE previous world record of 26 top-flight wins was set by Dutch giants Ajax in 1972, a side which included the legendary Johan Cruyff and Johann Neeskens.

The Amsterdam club won 26 games in a row in all competitions, including 19 league wins in the Eredivisie, four European Cup victories and three Dutch Cup wins.

Ajax got within a game of equalling the record in the 1995-96 season when a side featuring Edwin van der Sar, Frank and Ronald de Boer and Edgar Davids won 25 games in a row.

Brazilian side Cortiba won 24 straight games in 2011 and Real Madrid – including Wales star Gareth Bale – won 22 consecutive games during the 2014-15 season.

Scottish side East Kilbride actually went on a longer winning run with 30 consecutive wins, and received 27 crates of beer from Ajax when they overtook the Dutch club's mark. But their feat was not recognised by Guinness World Records as they play in the fifth-tier Lowland League.

Craig Harrison says he is still pinching himself after unrivalled success in his five years as TNS boss. "The success I've had in my managerial career has been beyond any and all expectations I had when I started out," said the manager who took charge at Park Hall on January 2, 2012.

"To be a world record holder now is the last thing you'd think about. I have the most fantastic team of backroom staff who work unbelievable hours.

"The situation with breaking this record is obviously excellent for the club, but it's also very good for the league because it has never had as much coverage."

TNS AIM FOR FRESH RECORD

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints may be standing proudly on top of the world – but boss Craig Harrison has challenged his record breaking side to hit even greater heights.

Their 2-0 victory against Cefn Druids extended the Saints' winning run to 27 games in top-flight football – setting a new world record for successive wins after beating Ajax's 44-year-old best.

Harrison believes there is more to come from his runaway leaders and is now looking at Celtic's record for successive victories in league matches..

Since the start of the season, the Saints have won all 21 league games, plus six in three separate cup competitions. In those 27 victories they have scored 88 goals and conceded just 13.

Their momentous milestone eclipsed the previous record held by Dutch giants Ajax who racked up 26 top-flight wins in 1972, with a team including the legendary Johan Cruyff.

Surreal

And Harrison – favourite to land a fifth successive Welsh Premier manager of the month award – now wants his side to keep the run going.

"To win 27 games is a fantastic achievement, but we're not finished yet and I have challenged the players to now take it into the 30s," he said.

"To break the record is surreal, we did not get a trophy for it, but it was a massive effort from everyone involved. We can't compare ourselves with Ajax, but it is a wonderful achievement, something I never thought of to be honest.

"Five more wins could see us win the league again. We've got the final of the Nathaniel MG Cup against Barry in a couple of weeks, and then there's the Welsh Cup and the IRN-BRU semi-final with St Mirren.

"We've now had a break. The players were given five days off. We'll make sure we're ready to go again when we take on Newtown on January 14."

The Saints, a staggering 21 points clear at the top, now have their sights set on Celtic's 25 straight league wins set during the 2003-2004 season. And they are also chasing a third successive domestic treble.

Veterans' final salute to Nick

Debbie Tanner, cousin of Nick Whiffen, with COBRA captain Barry 'Bud' Jones in the front to the left and Welshpool skipper Chris Morris on the right

COBRA veterans took the local bragging rights after defeating neighbours Welshpool Veterans 31-17 to lift the annual Nick Whiffen Memorial Trophy – the last year that the competition will be played.

The trophy has been contested annually between the two local clubs in memory of the popular clubman for the last 25 years.

Nick, who passed away on a rugby tour to Ireland, would have been 50 in December, so his family felt it was a fitting time to bring down the curtain on an event which has raised money for a variety of charities.

It was fitting that COBRA took the trophy again, a seasonal event they have dominated for the most part against their local rivals.

The Meifod side ran in five tries, with Dorian Lloyd crossing twice along with Matt Griffiths, Alun Pryce and Huw Tudor.

The three conversions were kicked by Darren Jones, Phil Davies and Griffiths.

COBRA'S first string, having hoisted themselves out of the bottom two in the North Wales League division one with a crucial 31-13 success at home to close rivals Colwyn Bay, now look to continue their quest for safety.

They return to league duty at home to fifth-placed Bala on Saturday.

The Meifod men have moved up to third bottom courtesy of the victory over Bay, four points above basement rivals Ruthin who went down 17-5 at Mold.

Saints new boss Dan is up for test

NEW boss Dan Stevens will take his first game in charge of struggling St Martins in Saturday's tough trip to second placed promotion chasers Newport Town.

Stevens was appointed manager, with previous boss Craig Rogers taking on a role of director of football, as the Saints bid to shake off the threat of relegation from the West Midlands League division one.

They currently lie at the foot of the table with plenty of work to do in the second half of the season, and Rogers hopes the management change can see a change one fortune.

"We're delighted to have Dan on board as manager," he said.

"He has fantastic experience, leading Ellesmere to a top four finish in the West Mids premier division, while his most recent role was with neighbours FC Oswestry Town where he helped establish the club in the North West Counties first division.

"With Newport away on Saturday, then fourth placed Tipton at home the following week, it is not the easiest of starts, but Dan is looking forward to the challenge."

While they had no league games during the festive period, the Saints arranged a couple of friendlies, which included a 3-1 win against Shrewsbury club Allscott.

Meanwhile, Rogers was delighted to take on his new role as director of football with the club.

"After a short spell in charge of the first team, I had a feeling that we needed to change the way the club ran to maximise its potential," he said

"We needed to be more forward thinking. The role will bring a strength to the team and the committee in terms of the football club operating in a more professional manner and also re-establishing links with the community, which the club sees as a priority."

New year and new hope for the Eagles

OSWESTRY'S rugby players will hope the new year brings a change of fortune in the South Lancs and Cheshire One.

It has been a tough first half of the season for the Eagles who, following promotion in the last campaign, suffered 12 straight defeats to fall adrift at the foot of the table.

But they halted the slump with a morale-boosting 15-15 draw at home to a seasoned Southport side in their last action of the year – a performance that augurs well for the second half of the campaign.

After their festive break, Oswestry now look to maintain the improvements in Saturday's trip to Liverpool St Helens.

Having brought in a number of new faces in recent weeks, the Eagles have shown they can hold their own after picking up two welcome points.

WELSHPOOL, who made it three wins in four in the North Two East with a 23-0 success at lowly Rhos, bid to keep up the good work on Saturday when they stage an appetising clash at home to Wrexham.

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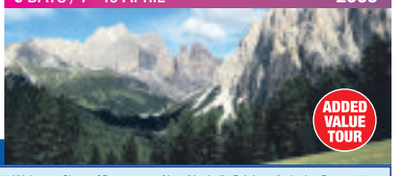
■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 1 Nights Accommodation in 2 Berth Inside Cabins (bunks) - Plymouth/Santander Crossing ■ 1 Nights Accommodation in 2 Berth Inside Cabins (bunks) - Santander/Portsmouth Crossing ■ 7 Nights Accommodation - (At Resort) ■ Buffet Breakfast - (At Resort) ■ Tapas Lunch Daily or Packed Lunch - (At Resort) ■ Tea Time Buffet Daily 16 .00 - 18.00 - (At Resort) ■ Three Course Dinner Inc Wine & Water - (At Resort) ■ Free Bar Between 11.00 - 23.00 on Selected Drinks - (At Resort) ■ Porterage at Hotel ■ Excursions as Detailed

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £180 INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £44 PER PERSON OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £70 PER PERSON

Northern Italy and the Desirable Dolomites

The majestic Dolomites are one of Europe's most spectacular mountain regions with its own unique dramatic scenery, set in a beautiful area of Northern Italy. A blend of towering snow-capped mountains, picturesque lakes and lush fertile valleys with fruit trees and vines dotted with Tyrolean style hamlets. With breathtaking scenery each and every way you turn this region offers a myriad of lovely scenic days out, truly an awe-inspiring area to explore. The Paganella plateau is located in the middle-western area of the Trentino region, between the mountain bearing its name and the spectacular Brenta Dolomites.

9 DAYS / 7 - 15 APRIL £665



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■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 5 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast in Resort ■ Welcome Glass of Prosecco or Non-Alcoholic Drink on Arrival at Resort ■ 4 course Farewell Candlelit Trentino Dinner with Music, Set Menu ■ Wine & Water with Dinner at Resort ■ Tea & Coffee After Dinner ■ Free Bar Between 18.00 - 22.30hrs Each Night, on Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks & National Spirits ■ Guided Walk of Fai with Pizza & Wine Picnic ■ Quiz/Games on 1 night ■ Grolla Evening in the Bar on 1 Night ■ Three overnight Dinner, Bed & Breakfast ■ Return Channel Crossings ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Porterage at Resort

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £105

Romantic Rhine Valley

Rüdesheim can lay claim to over 1,000 years of wine-growing history. Original, unique and exceedingly beautiful, the cobbled streets and quaint shops of this atmospheric town will charm your customers with its hospitable warmth, good food, wine, music and fairy-tale splendour.

6 DAYS / 11 - 16 MARCH £375

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ Hull to Rotterdam Overnight Ferry on Outward Journey (Meals Not included) ■ Calais - Dover on Return Journey ■ Dinner & cold Buffet Breakfast at Resort * ■ A Rhineland Themed 3 Course Dinner ■ Wine growers 3 Course 'themed' dinner ■ Slide Show Followed by 45min Guided Walk of the Area ■ Wine Tasting (3 Wines) with Cheese & Tour of the Wine Cellar ■ 1hr Return Scenic Train Journey (Winzer Express) ■ Porterage at Hotel

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £13. CABIN SUPPLEMENTS ON REQUEST.

Amsterdam and the Dutch Bulbfields

Europe's largest and most beautiful gardens 'KEUKENHOF' opens its doors every spring to visitors. See the dazzling displays of tulips, narcissi, hyacinths and other bulb flowers in all their glory covering over 32 hectares. It is a magnificent park with ongoing indoor and outdoor exhibitions which are quite unique. Take home lots of ideas for your own garden.

5 DAYS / 17 - 21 APRIL £320

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ Return overnight Ferry Crossings including cabins, (Dinner & Breakfast not included) ■ 2 Nights 3 Course Buffet Dinner ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75 INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £21 PER PERSON OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £26 PER PERSON

Poland's Beauty & Brilliance Krakow & Zakopane

The ancient royal capital of Krakow has become an increasingly popular attraction with its beautiful medieval square, hourly 'golden trumpet' tributes, stunning renaissance castle and proximity to the subterranean salt mines. It is also an ideal base for a pilgrimage to the memorial site of Auschwitz. The second half of our trip to southern Poland focuses on the folklore town of Zakopane, with its dramatic mountain backdrop, unique 'Zakopane Style' architecture and funicular railway.

11 DAYS / 5 - 15 AUGUST £1065

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

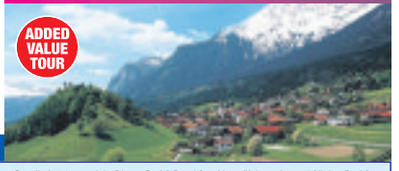
■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 2 Overnights Dinner Bed & Breakfast at the Penta Hotel, Chemnitz ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Guided Visit to Auschwitz ■ Entry to Wawel Cathedral, Castle and State Rooms in Krakow ■ Zakopane Horse Drawn Carriage Ride ■ Dunajec River Gorge Raft Trip ■ 3 Nights Half Board at Wyspianski Hotel, Krakow ■ Porterage ■ Welcome glass of sparkling wine on arrival ■ 3 course set menu on arrival night ■ Choice of menu on 2 nights ■ Tea/coffee after dinner ■ 3 Nights Half Board at Grand Nosalowy Dwor Resort & Spa, Zakopane ■ Porterage ■ Welcome soft drink on arrival ■ 3 course set menu on arrival night ■ 3 course menu with choice of main on 2 nights ■ Tea/coffee after dinner ■ Free use of leisure facilitiesur

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £290 INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £16 PER PERSON OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £18 PER PERSON

Austria - Alpine Meadows & Peaks

Enjoy a superb eight day holiday in spectacular alpine scenery combined with a fabulous package. Travelling into the very heart of Europe, this trip takes in scenic Austria and Switzerland, but also sneaks you into miniature Liechtenstein. We include guided tours of Oberammergau Passion Play Theatre and Innsbruck. Along with a fantastic five nights free bar at our welcoming hotel in Austria.

8 DAYS / 23 - 30 APRIL £579



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

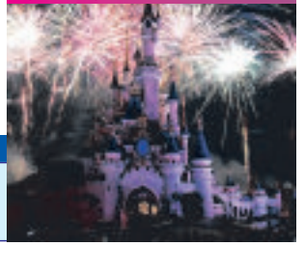
■ All Travel by Executive Owen's Select Coach ■ Return Ferry Crossing ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ 2 overnight Dinner Bed & Breakfast Liege/Koln region ■ 5 Nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast at Resort ■ 5 Nights 3-Course evening meal (with choice of main course from the 2nd night onwards) at Resort ■ Daily packed lunch: 1 sandwich, 1 small drink, 1 piece of fruit and 1 small chocolate bar (Excluding Arrival & Departure Day) at Resort ■ Included drinks from 18:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs (water, beer, table wine, coffee and tea) at Resort ■ Guided tour of Oberammergau Passion play theatre ■ Guided tour of Innsbruck ■ Entrance to Landeck Castle ■ Journey on a Ischgl cable car

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80

Disneyland® Paris

Experience Disneyland® Paris on our coach holiday to France. Join us as we whisk you away to the dreamlike Magical Kingdom where all your favourite Disney characters come to life in front of your eyes. Explore the five magical lands of Disneyland® Park and be enchanted with the enduring stories and fairytales we all know and love. Then head to Walt Disney Studios® Park to meet all your favourite Disney heroes and heroines, try your hand at movie making or simply enjoy the spectacular shows.

3 / 4 DAYS / 14 - 16 AUGUST £375



Children 3 - 11 years when sharing with minimum 2 adults £210

When sharing with 1 adult £365

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

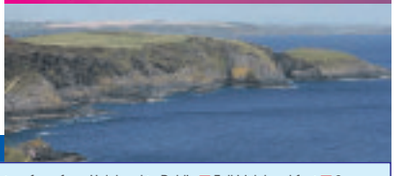
■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ Return Channel Crossings ■ 2 Nights Bed & Continental Breakfast ■ 2 Day Dated Park Hopper Pass for Disneyland Paris

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £85

Wild Atlantic Way - Ireland

Ireland's beautiful southwest corner, the western-most part of County Cork, is an area of craggy coastlines, mighty mountains, remote little islands and crystal clear lakes. This is Ireland's most underrated corner - an area where visitors are always appreciated and rarely disappointed.

5 DAYS / 17 - 21 APRIL £395



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 nights' accommodation ■ Return ferry from Holyhead to Dublin ■ Full Irish breakfast ■ 3 course, choice menu dinner with tea/coffee ■ Entrance to Titanic Experience Cobh ■ Entrance & Tasting at Jameson's ■ Guided tour of Kinsale ■ Entrance & Ferry to Garinish ■ Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

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Blackpool Entertains

There's so much to do in Blackpool that you'll be spoilt for choice. Theatres have shows on every night, the Blackpool Pleasure Beach theme park is right by the seafront, or how about a visit to Blackpool Zoo, the Sea Life Centre or Madame Tussaud's? Blackpool is a year round tourist hotspot. If you don't fancy walking far, traditional trams can take you along the seafront.

5 DAYS / 20 - 24 MARCH £255

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Afternoon Tea Dance ■ Entertainment each Evening ■ One Complimentary Drinks Voucher pppn ■ Fully inclusive local tram and bus pass ■ Porterage

County Durham the Land of the Prince Bishops

County Durham is unique, as for many centuries it was a virtually independent state ruled not by the King, but by powerful 'Prince Bishops', who were more or less the 'Kings of County Durham'. Northumberland boasts an infinite variety of landscape from desolate moors to rugged hills as well as eighty miles of coastline.

5 DAYS / 26 - 30 JUNE £385

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation ■ Cream Tea on Arrival ■ Entry to Alnwick Castle & Gardens ■ Entry to Beamish ■ Entry to Locomotion (Free) ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Use of the Leisure Club ■ Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

A Taste of Cornwall

Newquay lies on its north west coast and is the Cornish Riviera's premier resort. Newquay is surrounded by eleven magnificent beaches, the Fistral Beach being the most famous due to its association with surfing. Stroll along the many coastal paths affording stunning views, browse the souvenir shops or take a stroll down to the picturesque harbour.

5 DAYS / 13 - 17 MARCH £325

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Entry into St Austell Brewery ■ Entry into Cornish Cyder Farm ■ Entry into Eden Project ■ Cream Tea on Arrival Porterage

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Wonderful Worthing

Worthing is the largest all year round seaside resort in West Sussex and is a delightful destination with a stunning setting between five miles of coastline and the beautiful South Downs National Park. Boasting one of the sunniest climates in the United Kingdom, it is great for exploring at any time of the year.

5 DAYS / 19 - 23 JUNE £360

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast ■ Tea and Biscuits on Arrival ■ Happy Hour drinks promotion each evening 99p for small red or white wine, house spirit with house mixer or half pint of lager between 6pm and 7pm ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Porterage

Weymouth & Beautiful Dorset

Weymouth's fine Georgian seafront is an impressive backdrop to the long arc of fine, golden sand. The views from the bay are spectacular, stretching across the horizon taking in the World Heritage Jurassic Coastline. Weymouth's beautiful safe, sandy beaches, rich heritage and spectacular coastline make it a firm favourite holiday destination.

5 DAYS / 1 - 5 MAY £335

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast ■ Bingo each Evening ■ Musical Entertainment each Evening ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Porterage

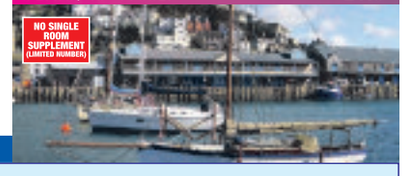
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR

Cornish Riviera

Cornwall has so much to offer. It is famous for its seafaring history, spectacular sandy beaches, gorgeous gardens, dramatic coastline and captivating fishing harbours. The popular seaside town of Looe can keep visitors entertained all year round and retains its character as a bustling working fishing port.

*Early booking discount not available on this tour date.

5 DAYS / 7 - 11 APRIL £305*
5 DAYS / 10 - 14 JULY £415



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

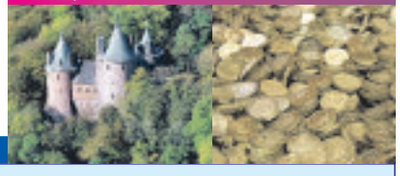
■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Entry in Eden Project ■ Porterage ■ Entertainmen

SUPPLEMENTS CLASSIC RIVER FACING ROOM £22PP SUPERIOR BALCONY ROOM £44PP

The Royal Mint & Treasures of Wales

A new short break based in Cardiff, the capital of Wales and including visits to Caerphilly Castle, Castle Coch and the Royal Mint.

3 DAYS / 1 - 3 MAY £225



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast ■ Entry into Caerphilly Castle ■ Entry into Castle Coch ■ Entry into The Royal Mint ■ Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44

Easter in Blairgowrie

Perthshire is our base for this scenic holiday; an area which has become synonymous for its majestic highland glen, picturesque lochs, ancient forests and characteristic towns and villages. Blairgowrie is one of the largest towns in Perthshire to the north of the city of Perth on the banks of the River Ericht.

5 DAYS / 13 - 17 APRIL £305

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast ■ One Lunch ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Easter Egg for each Guest ■ Live Musical Entertainment on 2 Nights ■ Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

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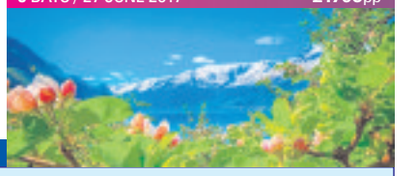
Norway - land of spectacular fjords, snow-capped mountains and historic villages. Our base is at a superior family run hotel on the Hardangerfjord from where we explore some of the best scenery in the country.

8 DAYS / 27 JUNE 2017 £1795pp



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ Door to Door Service ■ Return flights ■ Airport transfers ■ Porterage ■ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the Hotel Ullensvang ■ All rooms have fjord views ■ Coach tours as mentioned in the itinerary ■ All entrance fees mentioned during excursions ■ Services of a Tour Manager throughout

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £255

Greek Island of Corfu

ALL INCLUSIVE NEW FOR 2017

Think Corfu and you conjure up images of white-washed villages cascading down hillsides, azure seas sparkling in bright sunshine and powder-soft, white sand beaches. Corfu, the town, has a wealth Greek, French and British influences in its maze of cobbled streets and alleyways.

8 DAYS / 8 MAY 2017 £1195pp

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ Door to Door Service ■ Return flights ■ Airport transfers ■ Porterage ■ 7 nights All Inclusive at the hotel including lunches and drinks from the bar and with meals ■ Coach tours as mentioned in the itinerary ■ English speaking guide during excursions ■ All entrance fees mentioned during excursions ■ Services of a Tour Manager throughout

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £195

The Italian Lakes Based at Stresa on Lake Maggiore

HALF BOARD

Lake Maggiore is situated in the north west of Italy and crosses the border into Switzerland. The resort of Stresa is an ideal location on the shores of the Barromean Gulf. Once a tiny fishing village Stresa is now a bustling and vibrant town.

8 DAYS / 23 JUNE 2017 £1155pp

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ Door to Door Service ■ Return flights ■ Airport transfers ■ Porterage ■ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the Milan Speranza Au Lac, Stresa ■ Coach tours as mentioned in the itinerary ■ English speaking guide during excursions ■ All entrance fees mentioned during excursions ■ Services of a Tour Manager throughout

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £130 LAKE VIEW SUPPLEMENT: £90 PER PERSON

The Beautiful Islands of Malta & Gozo

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The resort of St Paul's Bay on the north east coast of Malta, once a quiet fishing village is now a pleasant friendly and welcoming resort for all visitors. The many shops and cafes offer excellent service, local food and wine. The Promenade is directly in front of the hotel, ideal for a relaxing stroll after dinner.

10 DAYS / 8 MAY & 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 £1295pp

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ Door to Door Service ■ Return flights ■ Airport transfers ■ Porterage ■ 7 nights All Inclusive at the Dolmen Resort Hotel ■ House wine & water with dinner ■ Coach tours as mentioned in the itinerary ■ English speaking guide during excursions ■ All entrance fees mentioned during excursions ■ Services of a Tour Manager throughout

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £165

RIVER CRUISES - Inclusive of all flights and all coach tours

Bordeaux Region River Cruise

10 DAYS / 16 JUNE 2017 £1795pp

Cruise the Bordeaux and Dordogne regions on the Gironde & Garonne Rivers. Two great rivers and the Gironde Estuary. A complex and colourful mosaic of scenery, textures and moods. Come and join us as we explore this rich and diverse region.

The Enchanting Douro Valley

8 DAYS / 10 JULY 2017 £1555pp

A river cruise along the River Douro from the coast at Porto, through the Portuguese countryside, to the Spanish border, and an excursion to Salamanca.

The Gateway to Provence

10 DAYS / 15 JULY 2017 £1695pp

Provence, the Camargue, the Rhone Valley and the Saone.
A "no fly" holiday travelling by luxury coach to join our floating hotel at Chalon-sur-Saone. A perfect combination of wonderful scenery, picturesque villages and historic cities.

The Seine Valley & Normandy Beaches

7 DAYS / 26 AUGUST 2017 £1495pp

A relaxing cruise from the heart of Paris, following the River Seine as it meanders its way to the Normandy Coast where we visit the landings beaches.

Moselle, Rhine & The Black Forest

8 DAYS / 11 SEPTEMBER 2017 £1695pp

Relax and take in the stunning scenery as we cruise the Moselle and Rhine Rivers from Cochem to Strasbourg. Then Rail & Sail in the Black Forest. Quaint and picture postcard beautiful, a trip to the Black Forest will live long in the memory.

Venice & Lake Garda

9 DAYS / 15 JULY 2017 £1545pp

We combine plenty of free time for sightseeing in Venice with a gentle cruise across the Lagoon and into the River Po, followed by a stay on Lake Garda, the largest and most enchanting of the Italian Lakes.

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